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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Summer 2010 issue of the Wesleyan Magazine, a celebration of our history with women of the world. While the stories of Ai-ling, Ching-ling, and May-ling Soong are familiar to many, we are proud to share again the legacies of these first Chinese women to receive an American education, beginning in 1904 at Wesleyan. We are just as excited to introduce you to a few more legends, like Adelaide Sun-Lin Young, the first woman to explore the rugged Himalayas, and Hiroshima bombing survivor Tazu Shibama, who spent her life speaking out against nuclear proliferation. Another Wesleyanne, Induk Pakh, traveled the world as a Korean missionary-lecturer, becoming a leading Christian reformer of the 1930s and a progressive-thinking founder of two thriving centers of academic excellence in her native country. Many other delightful women are featured in these pages, and we hope you enjoy reading about their adventures.

For 174 years, Wesleyan has attracted those who believe they can change the world, especially where they see injustice and unequal treatment. On our campus today, many of the women who claim this goal find interest in the newly expanded women's studies interdisciplinary academic program. Focusing on the roles of women in both developed and developing countries and encouraging students to become advocates in their communities and in the world, this program is a natural fit for many of our students, including Golden Heart Alexa Kister. "This place values women and encourages women to pursue excellence in every subject, field, and area of life," she says. "Of course, I'm not exactly sure what I want to do with my life but I know that I want to further my knowledge of women's issues around the world." Look for more comments from our students in the article describing this area of growing interest.

Like many of her classmates, Alexa plans to attend graduate school and is working hard to make sure she's prepared to succeed. Year after year, Wesleyan advances students to the most competitive graduate programs in the world. This year's graduates are heading to places like the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Washington, and Baylor College of Medicine. 2010 Graduate Jun Zhai majored in math and physics and soon will enroll at Yale University to begin work on a Ph. D. in geophysics. Yale has awarded her not only a handsome stipend but also a teaching fellowship that covers her tuition. Two other graduates will pursue divinity degrees at Duke University and Emory's Candler School of Theology. We are thrilled for you to meet a few extraordinary representatives of the Class of 2010 in this issue.

Just as we challenge our students to expand their worldviews, we do the same for our regional community. After years of partnering with Ulyanovsk State University, Wesleyan introduced the Russian city of Ulyanovsk to the city of Macon. In 2005, Russia was a featured country for Macon's International Cherry Blossom Festival, leading to an ongoing friendship that now involves a wide range of folks who travel between our countries on a regular basis. This simple foreign exchange program has grown into a network of international relationships, and we are proud to share this story with you.

World affairs aside, re-capping 2010 STUNT, Alumnae Weekend, and Commencement is a must, so look forward to those highlights within the next seventy pages, too. Take time to meet American Folk Music Expert Art Rosenbaum and our Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean Vivia Fowler. In the spirit of our early pioneers, become an ambassador for your alma mater this year – attend a college fair at a local high school, host a party for prospective students, or identify a student internship opportunity in your business. As always, share your stories. We love hearing from you!

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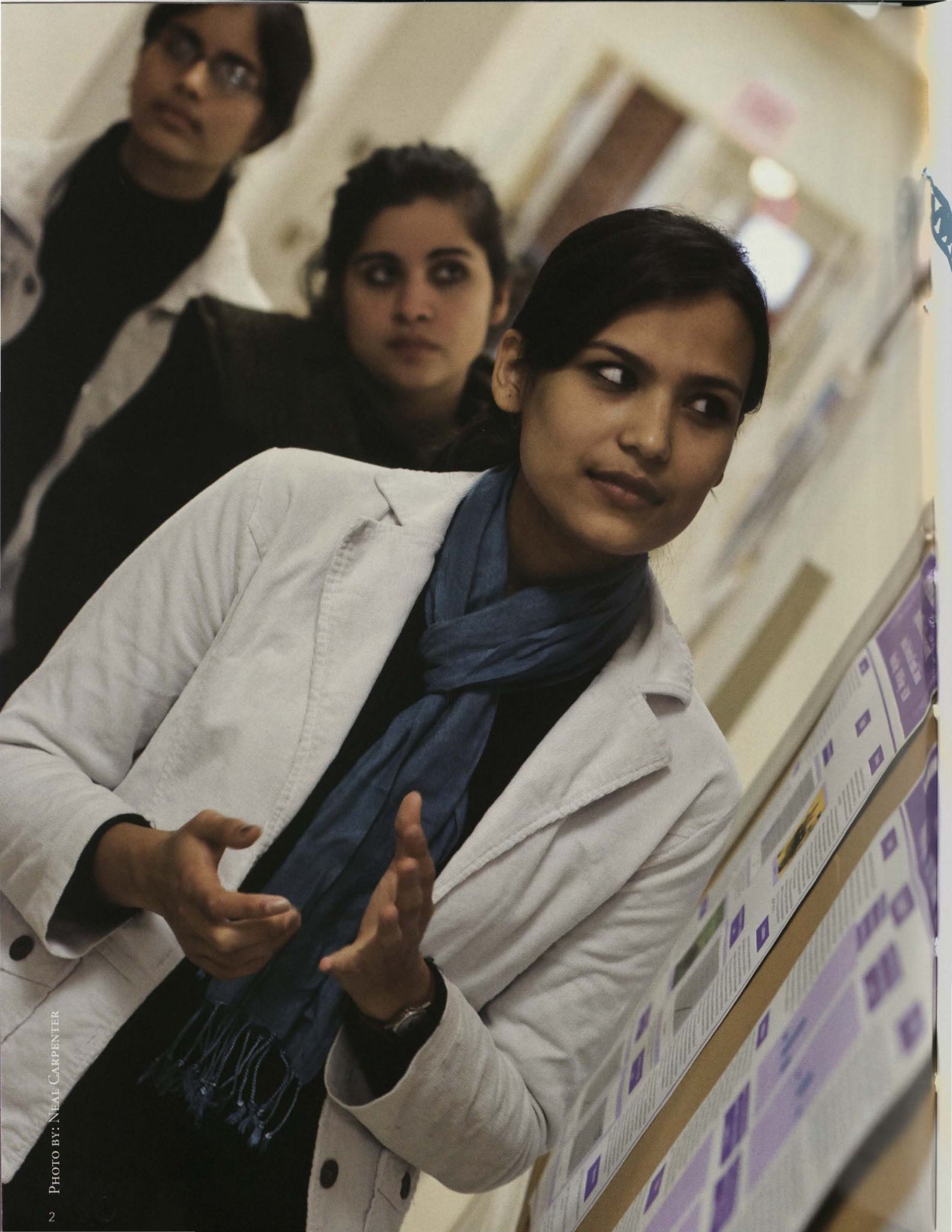
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WESLEYAN WOMEN OF THE WORLD

More than a hundred years before the concept became trendy, a Wesleyan education prepared women for global leadership. Nineteenth century missionaries like Eliza and Julia Jewett Hartwell set out in sail boats to take the message of Wesleyan to the outermost parts of the world. They ignited fires in women from China, India, Brazil, Korea, Japan, Germany, France, and Mexico who traveled great distances at the turn of the century to experience a Wesleyan education. Today's students continue to serve as ambassadors for Wesleyan and for the United States in their native countries on nearly every continent. International students arrive on campus with great expectations and raise the bar for their American classmates, making our campus community rich with diversity.

Wesleyan student Shui Yu from Nanjing, China, had never been to the U.S. before she arrived on campus. To bridge the distance, she talks to her mother every day via webcam. Shui often serves as a tour guide for Chinese delegations visiting campus, and she claims that she is becoming more independent. "Professors here challenge students to think and pursue goals," she said. "In China, it's our culture to never correct or question authority. Professors here encourage questions and debate. I'm able to speak with professors after class, informally, like a friend or an equal."

For hundreds of years, America has been a melting pot of cultures, attracting people from around the world with the promise of freedom, opportunity, and prosperity. Nowhere is this more evident than in today's American college and university classrooms. In fact, the United States hosts more international students than

any other country in the world. Traveling thousands of miles from home, students benefit from almost limitless academic options and opportunities not available anywhere else in the world. Because most higher education institutions focus on the global aspects of every subject, American-educated students tend to be highly sought after by employers worldwide.

The more than 600,000 international students studying in America represent every continent and roughly half of the world's total international student population. Four percent of the total undergraduate population of U.S. colleges and universities and ten percent of students in U.S. graduate schools are international students. India, China, and Korea are the leading nations of origin for international students, with Saudi Arabia, Nepal, and Vietnam on the rise. Senior Guanrong Li came to Wesleyan from Tianjin, China, after conducting her entire college search online. She is studying business and is receiving an international scholarship. Li will be interning in New York this summer with Merrill Lynch, and she is already connected with international alumnae living in that area who are eager to help her acclimate.

"Almost all the students from my high school came to colleges in the United States," said recent Wesleyan graduate Jasmine Rajbhandary from Kathmandu, Nepal, "so the idea of applying to colleges here was a natural step for me. We had advisers who recommended colleges according to our interests and who helped us with the application process. My parents were very supportive about my decision to come to the United States." This environmental science and biology major plans to continue her

studies in conservation biology in an American graduate school. "Growing up in the capital city of Nepal, I did what any normal teen does — movies, shopping, concerts, community service. But at the same time, I was also very focused on my studies and future plans."

This year, ninety international students at Wesleyan represented twenty foreign countries. Nepal had the highest representation with seventeen students, closely followed by Jamaica (16), China (14), and Korea (12). Rising Senior Charisma Enam from Dhaka, Bangladesh, came to Wesleyan to study biology, chemistry, and neuroscience. She intends to complete a graduate degree in the U.S. before returning to her native country. "Right now Bangladesh does not have enough funding or opportunity for research in the field that I am interested in. After I finish my higher education, I plan to return to Bangladesh and use my education to contribute and help progress the fields of research."

Charisma said seniors from her high school have come to Wesleyan for years and they have all loved the experience. The College began attracting students from Bangladesh during the 1980s, but the relationship stands as one of Wesleyan's newer pipelines. More than a century before the first student from Bangladesh enrolled, Wesleyan missionaries were recruiting students from China. As early as 1859, Missionary Mary Houston Allen (class of 1858) and her husband Dr. Young Allen spent seven months crossing the Pacific in a sailboat to reach China. In 1884, Educator Laura Askew Haygood (class of 1865) joined them in Shanghai as the first female sent into the foreign mission field by the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

Wesleyan Senior Jasmine Rajbhandary from Kathmandu, Nepal, presents environmental science research to classmates.

In 1892, Dr. and Mrs. Allen along with Miss Haygood founded the McTyeire School for Girls in Shanghai. Early graduates of the school who advanced to Wesleyan College were Ai-ling, Ching-ling, and May-ling Soong, the first Chinese women to be educated in the West.

Despite the challenges of international travel at the time, Wesleyan students of the late 1800s were focused on global issues and foreign affairs and were passionate about Christian mission work. In 1881, the Wesleyan Foreign Missionary Society was organized and was recognized as the first juvenile mission society of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church. By 1905, eighteen Wesleyan missionaries were serving in seven foreign areas including India, China, Brazil, Mexico, Korea, South America, and Indian Territory. The 1905 *Zig Zag*, as Wesleyan's yearbook was called then, boasts, "Wesleyan stands not only as the Pioneer college for higher education of women; more than thirty years before there were such organizations as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the mother of colleges had trained her daughters and sent them to the uttermost parts of the earth with the message of peace and love. For years, women of Wesleyan Ministries have traveled to far away lands to bless the world in their efforts to uplift humanity."

Although the Soong sisters are considered to be Wesleyan's first international students, five students from Shanghai were enrolled at Wesleyan in 1891, all daughters of American foreign missionaries serving the McTyeire School initiative. During the

early twentieth century, many international students enrolled at Wesleyan for just a year or two. Their goals were to learn English or study the Bible rather than to earn a bachelor's degree. A few students traveled from Panama, China, Cuba, Korea, and Brazil during the 1920s. In the 1930s, the international student population grew to represent Brazil, Cuba, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Panama, and China. They were well-received, active in the community, and enjoyed a bit of notoriety. They formed strong bonds with their American sisters.

A Registrar's report from 1930 lists two students from China and one from Brazil, but other records indicate that Wesleyan's international student population was much larger. Four additional students from Shanghai appear in the *Veterropt* yearbook, and twenty-eight students are featured in a 1931 photograph of the Cosmopolitan Club. According to the caption, the club comprised students from foreign countries and distant states and its purpose was to bring together those girls who did not belong to state or district clubs.

In December of 1930, a newspaper clipping documents a lecture given by a group of Wesleyan international students at a Rotary Club meeting in Macon. "Miss Joan Pendergrast, native of Canada now living in Havana, told of the beauties of Cuba; Miss Maria Schmidt of Austria told of life in her country; Miss Tsou Yi Zia of China sang a song illustrative of the music in her country; Miss Er Tsau Loh, also of China, spoke of education at home and read a

translation of Confucius... Appearing in her native costume, Miss Tazu Shibama, Wesleyan's first student from Japan, drew laughs and applause..."

Genevieve Vasset Sannie graduated in 1932 and returned to her native France, but she kept Wesleyan on her mind long after commencement. She sent letters, donations, and photographs of her wedding day, children, and special trips. In 1945, she wrote with concern, "How did Wesleyan get on these last years? I often thought of the happy and profitable times I spent there, among friendly people. It is such a beautiful souvenir for me." After the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center Towers attacks, Genevieve responded, "I just want to tell you how horrified I have been, like everybody else here... That a country who has welcomed so many people from all over the world has had to suffer such an awful aggression is beyond understanding."

During the 1930s, Wesleyan had more students from China than any other country. Ada Lee '30 and Tsou Yi Zia '33 were two of many graduates of the McTyeire School in Shanghai that attended Wesleyan. Tsou Yi also studied at Scarritt College and earned a master's degree at the University of Chicago before she returned to China to become general secretary of the Shanghai YWCA. Later she taught English at Cheloo University and in a Shanghai high school. After the Communist takeover of China in 1949, Wesleyan's long tradition of educating Chinese women was interrupted. Thirty-five years later in

1848

Wesleyan Missionaries Julia Jewett Hartwell and Eliza Jewett Hartwell traveled into "Darkest Africa."

1859

Missionary Mary Houston Allen spent seven months crossing the Pacific in a sailboat to reach China. In 1892, she and her husband helped Wesleyan Missionary and 1864 alumna Laura Haygood (pictured below) found the McTyeire School for Girls in Shanghai.

1881

Young Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized at Wesleyan.

1904

Ai-ling, Ching-ling, and May-ling Soong, the first Chinese women in history to receive an American education began their Wesleyan journey.

1905

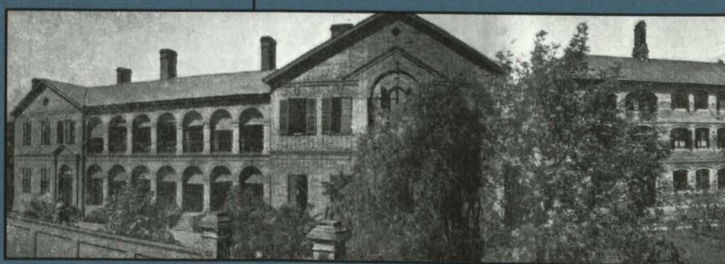
18 Wesleyan missionaries are listed in the *Zig Zag* as serving 7 foreign countries.

1909

Ai-ling graduated and promptly returned to Shanghai, where she secured a post as secretary to Sun Yat-sen.

1910

1 international student from Panama enrolls, joining two younger Soong sisters.



1933, Tsou Yi's great niece Jannie Chien established the connection when she enrolled as a music student.

Georgiana Hsueh Yang '49 was among the last Chinese women to graduate from McTyeire and enroll at Wesleyan before this period of dormant relations. In 1946, right after World War II, Wesleyan extended to Georgiana what she calls an offer no one could refuse — a four-year full scholarship in the name of Madam Chiang Kai-shek. "Several of my good friends and relatives came over from China at the same time I did," she said. "Being away from home for the first time and in a foreign country, the experience could have been emotionally traumatic. But, everyone at Wesleyan not only accepted me immediately but also made us feel special and so much at home that it gave us the emotional security to settle down and reap the maximum benefit from the opportunities given us." After earning a Master of Arts in Mathematics in 1951 through a full fellowship from Smith College, Georgiana was hired and trained by IBM and was one of the earliest professionals in the software field.

In 1950, eleven international students represented China, Panama, Korea, Cuba, India, Germany, and Italy. Sisters Virve and Gerda Paul were from Estonia, which during WWII was occupied and annexed by the Soviet Union and subsequently by the Third Reich, only to be re-occupied by the Soviet Union in 1944. "Our family fled Estonia and went to Berlin, Germany, because the Soviet line was coming. There,

members of our family were refugees in Germany for ten years. We went to a high school in the refugee camp. Many of the refugees were educated professionals, and they formed a school," said Virve Paul Martin '52.

Virve was a student at the University of Heidelberg when she learned of Wesleyan. "The university students traveled and spoke, telling of the refugee plight. Two spoke in Macon, and as a result the Wesleyan Y-Group and Mulberry Methodist Church decided to sponsor a refugee, who turned out to be me. It was hard for a student to get into the States without a personal sponsor. I had to have someone who would guarantee to provide for and watch over me," said Virve, who even received \$10 spending money from her sponsor each month.

Wesleyan Trustee Henry Knox Burns and his wife Lucille, who was Dean of Students at Wesleyan Conservatory, sponsored Virve's younger sister Gerda Paul Erickson '55. She was only seventeen when she came over, so she lived with the Burns family for five months and graduated from Miller High School in Macon. Burns helped both sisters find summer jobs; during the school year, they both worked in the dining hall and delivered papers to help pay for college. As he traveled, Burns even raised money from alumnae to help pay Gerda's tuition.

In 1955, Virve and Gerda's parents wrote to the president of Wesleyan College with gratitude. "Our two daughters have

graduated and acquired an excellent education. We wish to express our thankfulness to all people who made this possible. As refugees in Germany, we would not have been able to do this. To you, President, we have a special obligation. Gerda constantly wrote, she could counsel you anytime about her difficulties and you always had time... Further, you personally made great endeavors to raise the necessary means... We acknowledge the long period of five years, during which scholarships were bestowed to our daughters. The open reserveless acceptance they enjoyed from both staff and students lasted undiminished during their whole stay. No obligation existed to do it, it was pure friendship and desire to help."

Virve married a classmate, one of the twelve men at the Conservatory, during commencement weekend. Gerda graduated three years later, moved to New York, and worked for a Swiss bank. Eventually, their entire family relocated to Minnesota. Gerda worked for twenty-three years in social work. Now, she hosts two refugee families from Africa and pays college tuition for one refugee who will soon graduate from seminary and be ordained.

Wesleyan's history with women of the world is filled with extraordinary connections, relationships, and legacies. Monica (Mong-Zang) Lin Chang '82 grew up in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, knowing the Wesleyan name because of the stories her father told her about the Soong sisters. In 1977, Wesleyan President Dr. W. Earl Strickland visited her

students from China, Korea and Cuba enrolled.

1925 Heloisa Marinho, possibly Wesleyan's first student from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



1928 Soon after graduation, education reformer Induk Pakk traveled the world as a Korean missionary-lecturer.



1930 5 students from China. Other students represent Brazil, Cuba, Germany, Japan, France. Tazu Shibama, Wesleyan's first student from Japan enrolls. (pictured below: Genevieve Vasset Sannie '32)



1931 Vetteropt photo features 28 international students in the Cosmopolitan Club.



1935 6 students represent Korea, China, and Panama Canal Zone.

1940 1 student from Japan.

1947 Gloria Euyang from China is honored as Miss Charming.



1950 11 international students represent China, Germany, Panama, Korea, Cuba, India, Italy.

hometown during Monica's junior year in high school. "I really thought that was fate," she said. Sending Monica so far away for college was hard, but four years later at commencement, her parents said they had made a wise decision. Monica said Wesleyan played the role of "East meets West." She and her husband have three children, two of whom are currently attending universities in America.

Barbara Tjia Huang '75 was one of four international students featured in a 1972 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* article. Born in Indonesia, raised in Hong Kong, and descended from Chinese, she was quoted, "I don't consider myself Indonesian, Chinese, or Western. I'm an international. I view life differently from a typical American because I take advantage of the various cultures I've come into contact with." Barbara recently returned to campus during Alumnae Weekend.

"I arrived at Wesleyan in September of 1971 as a Golden Heart from Hong Kong, primarily based on the fact that the Soong sisters attended Wesleyan," she said. "My parents were willing to let their only daughter go thousands of miles away from home, trusting that I'd be safe and happy and would get the best education. Being in Macon was quite a culture shock compared to living in metropolitan Hong Kong. But I never felt lonely or terribly homesick and soon was able to say 'good night y'all' to my dorm mates! After my sophomore year, I married Joseph Huang, a ramblin' wreck from Georgia Tech, and moved to Atlanta to finish my accounting degree at Georgia State University."

The global mindset of Wesleyan's close-knit community has attracted scores of women from around the world to Macon. Yuliya Ivanova '07 came from Botevgrad, Bulgaria, after reading a profile about Wesleyan in *The Princeton Review's* college guide. The College received high rankings for academic programming and had the nation's highest percentage of international students. Majoring in economics and business management, Yuliya said at Wesleyan she acquired a globalized point of view not just from getting acquainted with the corporate culture in the U.S. but also through the friendships she shared with students from Romania, Pakistan, Jamaica, and America. Yuliya found her calling in finance and became interested in equity and fixed income research. In 2009, she earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Iowa, and now she is working toward a Ph.D. in finance.

Since the 1980s, national rankings, surveys, and college guides have consistently recognized Wesleyan for its unique international student body. Alex Aldica Willis '04 also learned of the College from *The Princeton Review*. This advertising and marketing communications major from Cluj-Napoca, Romania, was offered academic scholarships from four U.S. colleges but said Wesleyan was the best fit for her. "I was raised in a culture where kids are supposed to be seen and not heard at home and in school," Alex said. "We were not really exposed to music and art — more focus was put on the 'real' subjects. Wesleyan opened my eyes to so much." Before graduation, Alex secured

a position with a Los Angeles based advertising agency. Today she is CEO of her own award-winning advertising firm, AvantGarde Marketing.

Silvia Gheorghita '10 from Bucharest, Romania, wanted the American experience at a college with a large international population. "Liberal arts was such an attractive idea. I could experiment with different things. In Romania that would have been impossible. There, every university is specialized. We have the university of economics, university of law, university of medicine and so on. When you're eighteen, you have to decide what you want to do."

Lyubena Savova Smith '93 learned about Wesleyan as a student at Sofia University, the oldest higher education institution in Bulgaria. Wesleyan's Dr. Glenna Dodd-Meyer was at the University for a year teaching business classes as part of the exchange program between the two colleges. Dr. Meyer and Wesleyan extended an invitation and full scholarship to Lyubena. "The original plan for me was to attend one year at Wesleyan and return to Sofia University in Bulgaria," she said. "However, my scholarship was extended for one more year and I was able to graduate. Coming to Wesleyan certainly changed my life." Today Lyubena is the First Vice-President and Georgia Regional Manager for SunTrust Bank in Macon.

As one of the nation's most affordable colleges, Wesleyan offers a strong merit scholarship program as well as a comprehensive financial aid program. In part, this commitment to creating

1955 Gerda Paul, WWII refugee from Estonia graduates.

1960 2 students from China.

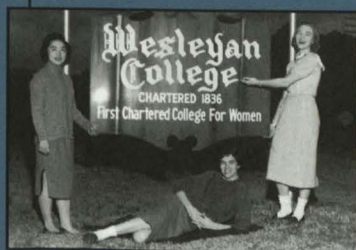
1964 Mindy Bhullar from Nairobi, Kenya, becomes Wesleyan's first foreign Homecoming Queen.

1970 10 international students represent 9 foreign countries: China, Mexico, Philippines, Indonesia, United Kingdom, Bermuda, Finland, Japan, & Vietnam. (pictured below: Barbara Tjia Huang '75)

1980 36 international students represent an undocumented number of countries.

1990 30 international students represent 14 foreign countries: Bangladesh, Barbados-West Indies, People's Republic of China, Republic of China, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Nepal, Norway, Scotland, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, & United Soviet Socialist Republic. (pictured below: Lixxie Wahab)

2000 32 international students represent 20 foreign countries: Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Colombia, Germany, Ghana, Great Britain, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Moldova, Nigeria, Northern Ireland, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Republic of China, Republic of the Congo, & Romania. (pictured below: Cherry Chan '00)



financial access for students and their families has enabled Wesleyan to attract an extremely talented and diverse student body. Many scholarship funds are available at Wesleyan, including the DuPont Guerry Scholarship, established by a gift from Ai-ling Soong, and the May-ling Soong Chiang Scholarship, established by the Methodist Church.

Civic organizations also sponsor international students. Since 1946, Rotarians in Georgia USA have promoted world peace by offering international students one-year scholarships to Georgia colleges and universities. The Rotary Clubs in Macon sponsor a student each academic year, alternating between Wesleyan and Mercer University. These students become members of a Georgia host family, but live on-campus at the school they attend. Anne-Kathrin Witt '07 was one such student. Since January of 2009, she has been working as a consultant in the corporate finance advisory sector for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Frankfurt.

Throughout her first year at Wesleyan, Anne-Kathrin was sponsored by the two Rotary Clubs in Macon and developed close relationships with her host families. "Wesleyan provided me the opportunity to study chemistry and economics in more depth than is possible in a German dual-degree program, and to develop an interest in liberal arts courses which included music, ethics, and politics," Anne-Kathrin said. "I was given the opportunity to study and research in an inspiring community of students and teachers, making my studies a full, enriching, and individual experience."

2010 90 international students represent 20 foreign countries: Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Korea, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, & Vietnam.



Wesleyan's first International Homecoming Queen



Manvinder "Mindy" Bhullar Sandhu '65 was twenty-three years old when she came to Wesleyan College on a Fulbright Scholarship. She spent two years on campus, during which time she won many friends with her charming personality and colorful saris. She was Wesleyan's first Indian student and the first student from Africa. She became the first Wesleyan international student crowned Miss Homecoming Queen.

"There were not many internationals on campus while I was a student. I remember one Swede, two from Japan, and one from Sri Lanka," she said. "I felt very welcome at Wesleyan. Everyone was so gracious everywhere I went. I felt completely at home and loved the beautiful campus." Mindy earned a diploma from the City of Coventry Training College in England and studied at Highridge Teachers Training College in Nairobi before she enrolled at Wesleyan as a physical education major. After earning a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan, Mindy served on the staff at the Girl Scout's Camp Martha Johnston before returning home to Nairobi to teach physical education.

"I was the first woman to request to go to England to study physical education," she said. "At first, a number of people asked my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sohan Singh Bhullar, who were retired teachers, if they couldn't interest me in another field." Though her generation of the Bhullar family had always lived in Kenya, Mindy's parents were natives of the Punjab in India. "I met and got to know a former graduate of Wesleyan, Mrs. Elliott Taylor (Roberta Owen Taylor '55), and her husband who were in Kenya traveling with a delegation from the U.S. Consulate," said Mindy. They were interested to know that I wanted to study in the U.S., suggested Wesleyan, and helped me get a scholarship."

Although often photographed in her native dress, Mindy claims she "wore shorts and jeans and short skirts like everyone else. The costumes were for formal occasions and Sundays." Mindy taught physical education in Kenya for much of her career. In 1992, Mindy and her husband relocated to California where she now teaches reflexology at a community education center for adults in continuing education.





Soong Sisters

The First Chinese Women Educated in the United States

Ai-ling, Ching-ling, and May-ling Soong, the first Chinese women in history to receive an American education began their Wesleyan journey when fourteen-year-old Ai-ling traveled to Macon in 1904. Throughout the twentieth century the three Soong sisters played influential roles in the politics, economy, and history of modern China. A Wesleyan education prepared each sister for her important destiny, and their legacy is still felt the world over.

In 1904, the young girl seemed even smaller, standing next to the hulking steamship at the Shanghai docks. She was only fourteen, and she had just bid a brave farewell to her parents. Ai-ling Soong was off to spend the next four years of her life at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. In an age when college was still a relatively rare experience even for Western women, Ai-ling would be the first Chinese woman to be educated in the United States.

A quarter of a century earlier, her father, Charlie Soong, also had left China for America — but under vastly different circumstances. Then a Hainan merchant's son known as Han Chiao-shun, Charlie left an apprenticeship in the East Indies to join his uncle on a voyage to the West. During a few months in Boston, employed in his uncle's tea-shop, Charlie set his sights on obtaining an education in America. In January 1879 he shipped aboard a Coast Guard cutter plying the Eastern seaboard. The ship's captain, a staunch Methodist, took the boy under his tutelage, and Charlie learned the precepts of Christianity.

In the Coast Guard's service, Charlie followed the captain to Wilmington, North Carolina. There, he was baptized into the Christian faith. Charlie found a new life and a new identity. He announced his wish to be trained in the Christian tradition so that he could return to his native country as a missionary. The Wilmington Methodists helped Charlie gain admission to Trinity College (later Duke University) and introduced him to tobacco and textile magnate Julian S. Carr who underwrote Charlie's education at Duke and Vanderbilt.

In 1886, Charlie returned to China to begin missionary work, spending time in Shanghai and rural Kunshan under the direction of pioneer Methodist missionary Dr. Young J. Allen. It was during Charlie Soong's days of missionary service and teaching that he met Ni Kwei-tseng, the daughter of a Chinese Episcopalian family. Miss Ni herself was educated in the Western tradition in Shanghai. Her marriage to Soong brought him status within the community and opened up to him new possibilities for accomplishing his dreams for the "new China."

Their first child was born in 1890. They named her Ai-ling, or "pleasant mood." A second daughter, Ching-ling ("happy mood") was born in 1892. Charlie's business ventures prospered as his family

grew. Son Tse-ven was born in 1894 and a third daughter May-ling ("beautiful mood") was born in 1897. Two more boys followed. The daughters began their education at Shanghai's exclusive McTyeire School for Girls, founded in 1892 by Dr. Allen and an 1865 Wesleyan alumna, Laura Haygood.

By the turn of the century, Charlie had become extremely wealthy. He had also begun a surreptitious involvement with the revolutionary movement spurred by Dr. Sun Yat Sen. Revolutionary sentiment was growing against the old dynastic rule, and the political climate in China became increasingly dangerous following the Boxer Rebellion of 1900. Charlie foresaw the need to send his children to safety as well as to provide for their higher education. He asked the advice of his missionary friend William Burke for an appropriate college for Ai-ling. Burke, whose family had connections to Macon's Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, highly recommended Wesleyan College, where his friend Judge DuPont Guerry was then president. Charlie arranged for Ai-ling to enroll as a sub-freshman in 1904.

Ai-ling was described as precocious, a serious and determined student who was clever with finances and business. Ching-ling, at the age of sixteen, and May-ling, just ten-years-old, joined their sister at Wesleyan in 1908. Upon coming to Macon, May-ling was entrusted to the care of President W. N. Ainsworth's household, while Ching-ling enrolled as a regular college student. The 1908 school term marked the only year that all three sisters were at Wesleyan at the same time.

May-ling was privately tutored by two older Wesleyan students — Margie Burks, daughter of Wesleyan's professor of English, and Lucy Lester. Whereas Ching-ling was quiet and profound, May-ling had the reputation for being mischievous and sharp-witted. Ching-ling, wholeheartedly devoted to her country, wrote several impassioned essays for the student magazine on the subject of the Chinese Revolution.

Ai-ling received her A.B. in the Wesleyan class of 1909 and promptly returned to Shanghai, where she secured a post as secretary to Sun Yat Sen. Ching-ling graduated in 1913 and returned to China as well. When Ai-ling resigned her position with Sun in 1914 to marry future finance minister H. H. Kung, Ching-ling took over Ai-ling's job. Alone in Georgia after

spending her freshman year at Wesleyan, May-ling transferred to Wellesley, to be closer to her brother who was at Harvard, and earned a bachelor's degree in 1917.

Upon May-ling's return to China, she met Chiang Kai-shek, a rising star in China's military. Though already married, Chiang proposed marriage to May-ling. He persisted in his suit, eventually winning Mrs. Soong's blessing for marriage to her daughter, on the conditions that he divorce his present wife — and that he convert to Christianity.

Throughout the remainder of the twentieth century, the three Soong sisters exerted increasing influence alongside their husbands. Soong Ai-ling is best remembered for her shrewdness in financial matters. Ching-ling, who carried on her late husband's work, still is revered as "the mother of China," while May-ling is best known as ambassador for Taiwan to the Western world.

Continuing ties with Wesleyan

The College has hosted scores of visitors wishing to see the Soong memorabilia in the Willet Library's China Room. Wesleyan has provided background information, documents, and photos for several film and television documentaries, biographies, and other projects. Ai-ling visited Wesleyan in 1932, and May-ling returned in 1943 and 1965. In 1995, Wesleyan hosted a traveling exhibition of artifacts pertaining to the life of Soong Ching-ling, who died in 1981, having never revisited her *alma mater*. On June 26, 1943, close to the end of a three-month diplomatic tour of the United States, May-ling visited Wesleyan after a long hiatus. The College presented the honorary Doctor of Laws to Madame Chiang and to her two absent sisters.

The sisters have directly or indirectly been responsible for the establishment of several scholarship funds at Wesleyan. The DuPont Guerry Scholarship was established by a gift from Ai-ling Soong. The May-ling Soong Chiang Scholarship, to be awarded to Chinese students, was established at Wesleyan in March 1944 by the Methodist Laymen of the South Georgia Conference. An anonymous \$6 million gift to the College in the late 1990s in honor and memory of the sisters was used largely for endowed scholarship support.

This article was based on information from Wesleyan's archives, The Soong Dynasty by Sterling Seagrave (Harper & Row, 1985), and an article by Barbara A. Brannon printed in the Wesleyan Magazine, Fall 1997.

September Monkey



Soon after she graduated from Wesleyan College, Induk Pakh '28 traveled the world as a Korean missionary-lecturer and quickly became known as "The Feminine Kagawa." Many saw her story of persecution and perseverance as similar to that of Toyohiko Kagawa, a world-renowned Japanese Christian reformer of the era. But that was just one part of her extraordinary journey. From a humble beginning grew a progressive founder of two thriving centers of academic excellence. Induk Pakh was a devout Methodist, a strong believer in the American Dream, and a liberator of the Korean people.

According to ancient Chinese astrology, Induk Pakh was born in the year of the monkey, the month of the rooster, the day of the dragon, and the hour of the tiger — all endowments more suitable to a boy than a girl. "If only this baby were a boy, what a great career he would have," said Induk's scholarly Confucian father. He named her Im-duk, "virtuous woman." Her mother called her September Monkey.

Induk Pakh was born on September 24, 1896, in a small village near Pyongyang, the current capital of North Korea, at a time when Korea was undergoing significant cultural and political change. Christian missionaries brought new, liberating ideology from the West, and Japan's imperial expansion became more and more aggressive. A deeply Buddhist and shamanistic culture, Korea was resistant to cultural and religious change. Early missionaries succeeded in translating the New Testament into the Korean language, an achievement that paved the way for the first Protestant missionaries from America in 1884 — Presbyterian Horace Underwood and Methodist Henry Appenzeller, both from the Student Volunteer Movement.

Progress was difficult for all Christian churches; by 1900, Korean Christians numbered only 0.4% of the population.

At the turn of the century, Korean women and girls were segregated, secluded, and confined. In 1903, when Induk was six, her young brother and father died. Soon after, Induk Pakh's illiterate Buddhist mother became a Christian, was disowned by her family, and lost all claim to her husband's assets because there was no male heir to inherit her property. Still, she was a woman of remarkable courage and vision, realizing that a new day for women in Korea would come. Although there were no schools for girls in the region at that time, she was determined that Induk would be educated. Pakh's mother changed Im-duk to Induk, a boy's name meaning "benevolence and virtue." She cut Induk's hair and sent her daughter to school disguised as a boy.

A year later, Induk Pakh was sent to a Methodist missionary school in Pyongyang and finished her elementary education in 1908. Then, winning scholarships, she moved to Seoul and entered Ewha Girls' High School and later graduated from Ewha Women's College (1916), the first women's college in Korea and founded by the American Methodist Board of Foreign Missions. Immediately, she began teaching at Ewha College.

In 1910, Japan invaded Korea, leading to a Korean resistance movement that culminated in the nationwide March First Movement on March 1, 1919. On that date, the Korean Declaration of Independence was signed and non-violent demonstrations against Japanese rule began, the first grassroots movement in Korean history. During the series of demonstrations that began that day and spread throughout

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Pictured right: In 1954, the year her autobiographical *September Monkey* was published, Induk Pakh '28 returned to the Wesleyan campus for a book signing event and spoke at Chapel about her country's war experiences with Japan, Russia, and Communist China. Photograph courtesy of Wesleyan College archives.

朴仁德先生像



*"Always somebody has opened doors
for me. When I prayed, I said,
'God, I'm not asking you for what
I want, simply for what I need.
I need a school for young people
who can't open doors for themselves.
You opened doors for me. In return,
I want to open doors for others.'"*





THE VOICE OF HIBAKUSHA

At 24, she traveled to the United States and became Wesleyan's first Japanese student. She was preparing for her future, seeking training as an English teacher and Christian missionary. At 40, she survived the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Tazu Shibama (1906-2005) then spent the next half-century speaking about the horrors of nuclear war.

Dressed in typical Japanese kimono, a twenty-four-year-old Tazu Shibama appears in the 1931 *Veterropt*. Under her junior class photograph, the description "serene" appears. She was a 1924 graduate of Hiroshima Girls' School and entered Wesleyan on September 22, 1930, transferring college credits earned in Japan. After two years at Wesleyan, she transferred to Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1939, she earned a Bachelor of Science from George Peabody College (now Vanderbilt University). Then, she returned to Hiroshima to teach.

On August 6, 1945, during the final stages of World War II, the United States conducted two atomic bombings against Japan in the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. At 8:15AM, when the bomb hit Hiroshima, Tazu was buried in the rubble of her two-story wooden home. Just five feet tall and weighing ninety-five pounds, she prepared herself for death. But then, a neighbor found her and pulled her out.

Tazu was an English teacher at Jogakuin Girls' High School and lived about one mile from the center of the explosion, within the radius of total destruction. An estimated 80,000 people, nearly thirty percent of the population of Hiroshima, were killed immediately and another 70,000 injured. During the following months, large numbers died from the effect of burns, radiation sickness, and other injuries, compounded by illness. In both cities, most of the dead were civilians.

"In thirty minutes, the whole city was on fire," Tazu Shibama told an auditorium packed with listeners twenty years later. Her memory clear, she recalled how the blast threw her neighbor fifty yards in the air. Heat from the bomb had burned much of the clothing on the thousands of survivors left shocked and stranded on the streets. "Their hair was burned, their faces were burned, their clothing was burned, and their skin was burned,"

she recalled. "The shock was too great. They had lost their words. Even the children did not cry. No one talked. I lost all my students, all 350 young girls aged 13 to 15." After digging her way out and walking miles into the country to safety, Tazu was unable to explain her own survival but was determined to speak out about the effects of human nuclear holocaust.

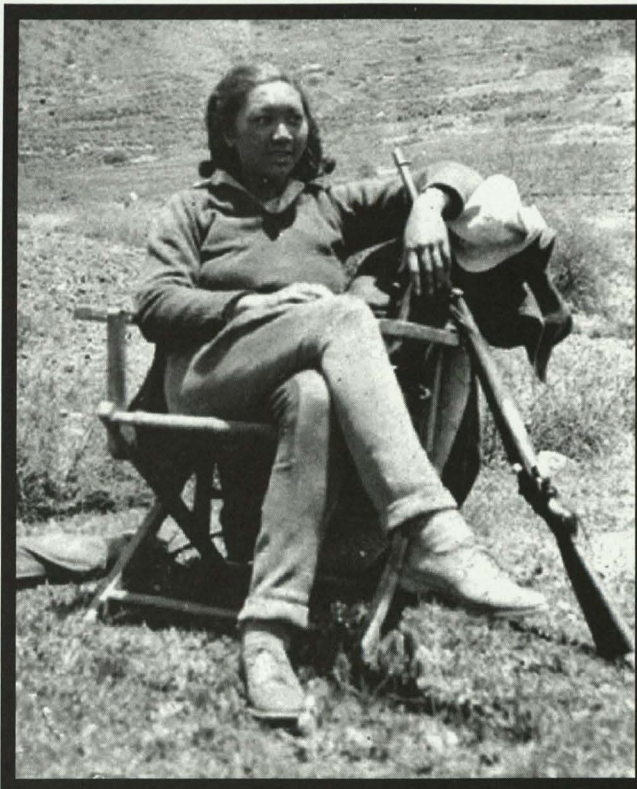
In 1964, The General Assembly of the United Nations designated 1965 as International Cooperation Year, an initiative that celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the organization. By 1964, Tazu was the owner of the Hiroshima School of Typing and English. But, as the General Secretary of the World Peace Study Mission, Tazu toured the United States with a team of *Hibakusha*, a Japanese word meaning "explosion-affected people." They arrived in New York from Japan, attended a briefing session with the United Nations, and set out on an historic, peace-seeking journey. A New York State Peace Council news release announced, "The survivors will be in the United States from April 21 to June 7, traveling from west to east in three teams, by plane and auto caravan, equipped with films and exhibits. They will continue on to Britain, France, West and East Berlin, the USSR, and possibly mainland China."

The World Peace Study Mission was regarded as a pilot project for International Cooperation Year. Fifty-six organizations in the United States cooperated with the tour, including peace organizations, unions, and civic clubs. The *Hibakusha* traveled with a thirty-foot trailer, a mobile exhibit hall of photographs and exhibits illustrating the effects of the atomic bomb. Slides, movies, documentary materials, and other data supplemented their first-hand accounts. The survivors' goal was to exchange information and help establish international relationships that could prevent future tragedies.

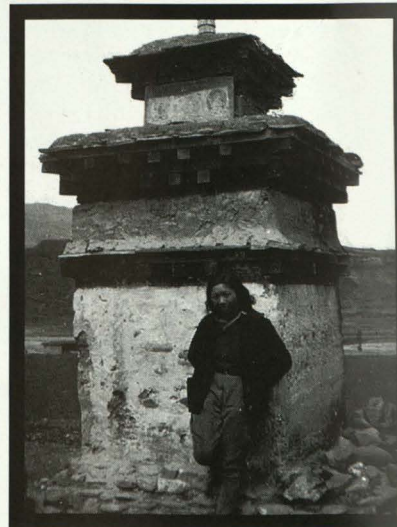
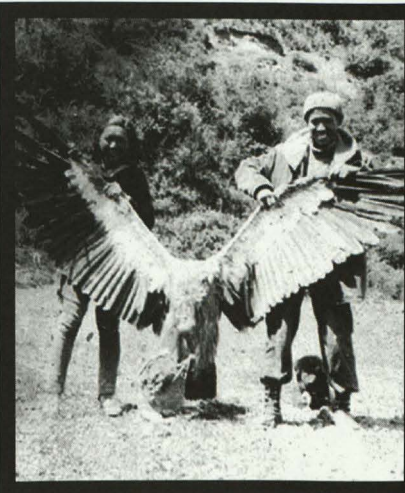
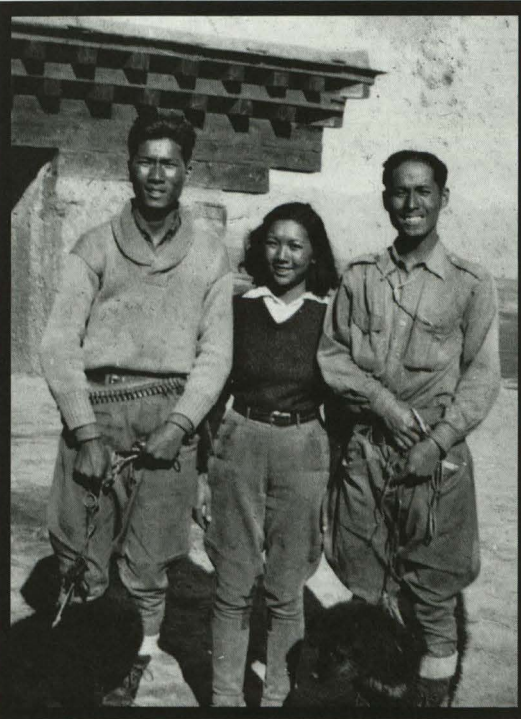
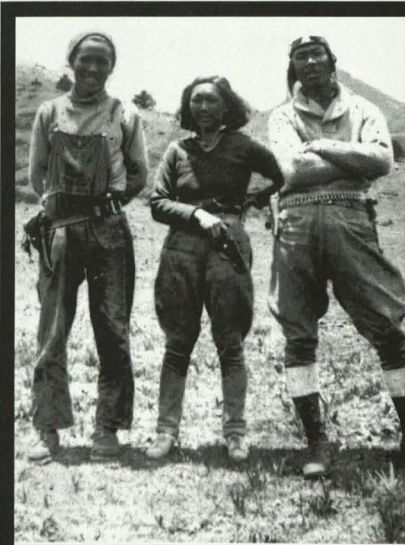
For Tazu, the World Peace Study Mission was just the beginning. She devoted nearly a half-century to anti-nuclear proliferation efforts. In 1980, seventy-four-year-old Tazu toured the United States for three weeks as part of a forty-member delegation of *Hibakusha*. The Religious Task Force of the Mobilization for Survival, a national peace organization, organized the tour. In Boston, Tazu was one of seven who spoke to students of Brookline High School. "I was forty when the bomb dropped," she recalled according to a *Boston Globe* article of March 27, 1980. "I was lucky," she said. "The many people who died can't speak, so now I speak for them."

On August 5, 1985, Tazu was one of several Hiroshima survivors featured in a special segment on NBC's Evening News. Despite her painful experiences, she told NBC that the United States bombing was reasonable and believed Japan would have done likewise had it possessed the bomb. Tazu lived another twenty years, sharing her painful memories and seeking the abolition of nuclear weapons from the world. Her name appears on a memorial in Hiroshima alongside the names of more than 410,000 *Hibakusha* who have died since the bombings. Tazu's story is included in several biographies, such as *Teach Us to Live: Stories from Hiroshima and Nagasaki* by Diana Wickes Roose. "Miss Shibama taught school for many years," writes Roose. "The atomic bombing gave her a mission, her postscript, as she called it, to her life. She felt a responsibility to teach young people about the horrors of nuclear weapons."

Pictured: 74-year-old Tazu Shibama was one of seven "hibakusha" who spoke in March of 1980 to the students of Brookline High School in Boston about the horrors of nuclear war. Boston Globe/Paul Connell/Landov



The Panda Lady



Joined by her husband Jack Young and brother-in-law Quentin Young, Adelaide Su-Lin Chen Young '33 was the first American woman explorer to enter the rugged Tibetan-Himalayan area. She was part of the expeditions that led to the arrival of the first giant pandas in the United States.

Pampered and glamorous, American-born Chinese Adelaide Su-Lin Chen was an unlikely explorer. She was a small woman, beautiful and vivacious. She was a native of New York City, where her father, Ming Tai Chen, owned several restaurants and nightclubs, including the famed China Doll, a hot spot for big bands of the 1920s. Adelaide's only outdoor experience was as a summer camp counselor in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

She entered Wesleyan as a first-year student in 1930, but left in 1933 and returned to New York. There, she met Jack Theodore Young, an explorer and naturalist studying at a New York university. In 1934, they married and embarked on their honeymoon, a ten-month, three-person expedition to China, where they were to collect bird and animal specimens and catalog plants for the American Museum of Natural History.

"The expedition turned out to be much more difficult than my mother expected," according to Jolly Young King, Adelaide's middle daughter. "On the first day, it snowed. She hiked for ten months, enduring extreme weather conditions and high altitudes. It was physically strenuous, plus those areas were filled with outlaws and bandits. My father and uncle often went off on scouting expeditions, leaving my mother behind. She traveled alone with a local porter."

"There was a total lack of privacy, and loss of contact with family and friends was difficult to deal with. She talked about bathing in cold streams, eating the same thing day after day when rations were low, losing pack horses because of precarious climbs, learning how to shoot a rifle and pistol, always wearing a loud whistle so they could locate her if she needed help. And fleas — lots of fleas," Jolly continued.

On that first and later expeditions, Jack, Adelaide, and Quentin Young explored territory in China, Tibet, and parts of India. Naturalists like George Schaller, author of *The Last Panda*, credit the Young family with opening exploration of territory where pandas are found and being key to the successful panda expeditions that followed.

As the sole woman in the company of men, Adelaide often slept with a loaded pistol under a makeshift pillow. She took shelter in Tibetan yurts and yak-hair tents, gathered her own food, cooked over a campfire, and drew a crowd wherever she went. She was the object of fascination and the subject of judgmental conversation. "People would watch her bathe," according to Boston writer Vicki Croke. "She was viewed by the Chinese as an American and by Americans as Chinese. She was really between cultures, and it was liberating for her."

Early in the trip, Adelaide shot and killed a large bear. She quickly realized the bear had two cubs, and was upset about the killing for many years. Although mounted trophies were prized during the early twentieth century, Adelaide persuaded her husband and brother-in-law to bring creatures back alive, not dead, for museums and zoos. After the first ten-month expedition, Adelaide and Jack relocated to Shanghai but continued to travel and guide other explorers.

Details of Adelaide's excursions are included in Croke's *The Lady and the Panda*, a 2005 biography of another female explorer, Ruth Harkness, who traveled with Quentin Young. Adelaide was working as a reporter for several publications in Shanghai, including the *China Journal* and *North China Daily News*, when she met Harkness. "After meeting my mother," said Jolly, "Ruth Harkness decided she could survive an expedition if my mother did."

In 1936, when Harkness brought the first live giant panda to the United States, she named it Su-Lin, meaning "a little bit of something precious." The Young family explorers brought several live pandas to the United States. In 1937, Harkness sold the panda named for Adelaide Su-Lin Young to Chicago's Brookfield Zoo where it lived for one year. The body now is mounted in the Chicago Field Museum. A panda born in 2005 at the San Diego Zoo also is named Su-Lin.

When the Japanese-Chinese war broke in 1937, Adelaide's younger sister, Gloria Chen, was a first-year student at Wesleyan. During the same time, Adelaide and her husband relocated several times in China

and worked for the Chinese government. As the World War II conflict invaded China, Adelaide evacuated to the United States. Newspaper clippings from December 1941 detail her dramatic escape from besieged Hong Kong with five-year-old-daughter Jacqueline, when they were carried airmail on the first plane to Chungking. After the Chinese Communist Party takeover in 1949, she spent several years in Taiwan but returned to the U.S. again in the late 1950s.

"We moved around a lot and were often separated from my father," said Jolly. "My parents lived exciting lives, leading expeditions for the Roosevelt family and serving influential political figures. My father, Jack, was well decorated. He retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army and as a General in the Nationalist Army. He served as a liaison officer of the Chinese government, a political liaison to Chiang Kai-shek, and in the CIA and U.S. Army Intelligence. Because he spent most of his career in intelligence, he didn't speak much about his professional life and we are just now learning about his work."

When Adelaide died of natural causes in 2008 at the age of 96, the *San Francisco Chronicle* featured her as one of the year's 100 Most Notable Deaths. Articles highlighting her achievements appeared in major newspapers in the U.S. and around the world including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Sun*, and *The London Times*.

Her legacy also is celebrated through an exhibit at the Memphis Zoo, The Explorer's Walk, that credits Adelaide Su-Lin as one of three explorers who opened the East to the West: Marco Polo, Pere David and Su-Lin Young. Adelaide is survived by three daughters, Jackie, Jocelyn, and Jolly, who continue to research and share their mother's exciting adventures. Adelaide's family recently donated to Wesleyan's library a copy of *Chasing the Panda* by Michael Keifer. Although several panda explorers are mentioned, the book essentially is about the Young family and includes several photographs of Adelaide Su-Lin.

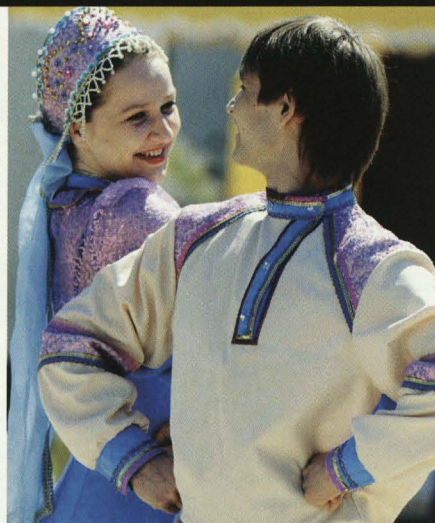
Photos courtesy of Young family.



After years of partnering with Ulyanovsk State University, Wesleyan introduced the Russian city of Ulyanovsk to members of the local community. In 2005, Russia was invited to be a featured country for Macon's International Cherry Blossom Festival. They accepted and sent two-dozen representatives from the city of Ulyanovsk, including university officials and dignitaries plus musicians and dancers who performed during the festival.

Then in 2006, Macon City Council extended an invitation to the City of Ulyanovsk to become Macon's newest Sister City. Every year since, delegations of Ulyanovsk dignitaries and performers have traveled to Macon for the festival. As the official college of the Cherry Blossom Festival, Wesleyan opens its doors to thousands of festival goers, hosting many of the festival's events....and many of the Russian performers.

While the Russian city officials stayed at a local hotel, a dozen male and female performers of a traditional dance troupe called *Traditsia* stayed with host families for five nights. Each year, members of the Wesleyan staff and faculty volunteer for the mini exchange relationship. According to the volunteers, hosting festival performers is a great investment of time and a wonderful way to represent the City of Macon.



"Dmitry and Nikolay stayed at my house," said Wesleyan Vice President Rick Maier, "and our first challenge was clear from the moment we met. They didn't speak any English. We spent the next several days testing our Charades skills or, when we got stuck, calling one of Wesleyan's Russian exchange students for translation help."

"I had the impression that Russians are a rather somber, serious people. While the students took their dance rehearsals and performances very seriously, they were a fun-loving, high-energy group. Just like American college kids, they wanted to eat, drink, and party into the wee hours of the night," said Maier. And shop. "In the little spare time we had, we went to five sporting goods stores in two days (three trips to Dick's), plus all of the big box retailers such as Wal-Mart and Target."

"Our house guests were particularly well mannered and tidy," said Wesleyan Controller Dawn Nash, who also hosted student performers. "They made their beds, folded their towels, and insisted on cleaning their own dishes. I had to explain to one of my guests how a dishwasher worked. He replied, in broken English, 'In my country, I'm the dishwasher.'"

Maier claimed his family thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the Russians. "Plus we got a kick out of attending all of the Cherry Blossom Festival events with the other host families — ceremonies, a parade, performances, meals and other outings. We were so proud to see our guests perform their Russian folk dances with the other students on the stage of Porter Auditorium. Their athletic ability, grace and stamina were amazing — particularly when we knew how much they had just eaten and how little sleep they had gotten the night before."

The dance troupe *Traditsia* is a popular and well-known group of collegiate level dance students who perform at contests and festivals in Russia and also travel around the world. In 2005, the ensemble took part in the Cherry Blossom Festival for the first time and received numerous standing ovations. They've performed in the U.S., Spain, Germany, China, and Latvia. Dressed in elaborate costumes, they perform ethnic dances of the people



who live in the Middle Volga Region, or traditional folk dances like the Cossack.

During their five-day visit, the dancers performed at several main festival events including the opening ceremonies and the popular Kaleidoscope of Cultures event at Wesleyan College. Traveling with the dancers were participants of Russian Soul, a popular music ensemble composed of Ulyanovsk State University faculty. The quintet performed the music of Russian and foreign classical composers, traditional Russian music, and even jazz interpretations.

"Saying goodbye was hard after spending so much time together," said Maier. "The students seemed to thoroughly enjoy their stay and were most appreciative of all the kindness they had received from the Macon and Wesleyan communities. We may have provided room, board and transportation to the Russians, but they treated us to a warm and unique adventure."

Pictured left and above: Russian musicians and folk dancers from Ulyanovsk State University visiting Macon during the 2010 Cherry Blossom Festival; members of Traditsia perform a traditional Russian dance; Alexander Shkanov, trustee of Ulyanovsk State University, poses with Cherry Blossom Festival mascot, Lacie the pink poodle; and Vladimir Samarev sings "Georgia on my Mind" during the opening ceremonies of the festival.

A growing network of international relationships

In 1999, Wesleyan College began a student exchange program with Ulyanovsk State University. At the time, few realized the program had the potential to become a model of excellence for ambassadorship and global community leadership. Over the past decade, the simple foreign exchange program has grown into a network of international relationships. Each year, the cultural exchange of ideas inspires more people and the network grows larger.

To date, almost 200 individuals have participated in the exchange relationship, from students and scholars to diplomats, business and community leaders, children and artists. In addition to the layered cross-cultural exchange of business ideas that has developed outside the classroom, the program has evolved into a greater mission of community outreach that has benefited hundreds of children internationally. And, on the side, an official relationship of sisterhood between the two cities of Macon and Ulyanovsk expanded the program's exchange even further.

Under the academic exchange program, Ulyanovsk State University (USU) sends two rising-senior business students to Wesleyan for undergraduate degree completion each year. In exchange, each year Wesleyan may send a cohort of Executive MBA students to Russia for an intensive two-week immersion program in Moscow and the Ulyanovsk region. In 2004, a tour of a struggling Russian orphanage inspired Wesleyan to invite

local leaders from the Georgia Industrial Children's Home to join the group in 2005. That decision began a new aspect of outreach.

Three local leaders traveled to Russia in 2005 with the EMBA group. Soon after, a wide variety of programs were developed that benefit children on both sides of the ocean. In 2006, more business leaders throughout the Southeast were included in the trip to participate in an international symposium on childcare in Ulyanovsk. Delegation members also toured a dozen orphanages and met with business and government officials to address the needs of children globally.

In 2007, an official of the Ministry of Education traveled to Macon to learn more about the American system of children's homes and help establish a foreign language and cultural program for Russian children adopted by Central Georgia families. Each year, the exchange of ideas grows to include a greater number of people and projects benefiting children. This summer, a dozen community leaders will visit Russia to research even more possibilities. The group will include school administrators who are researching student exchange and community engagement opportunities for local high school students, church administrators who are researching potential mission trips to Russia for their congregants, and representatives from the Cherry Blossom Festival researching international performers and artists.

Amnesty International

Protecting justice, freedom, truth, and dignity

Wesleyan Senior Lisa-Marie Brandt spent summer break last year in her hometown of Kingston, Jamaica. The colorful resort town is the capital and largest city of Jamaica, located on the southeastern coast of the island. It faces a natural harbor protected by the Palisadoes. In this land of wood, water and fun, Lisa-Marie spent her vacation working at Jamaicans For Justice, a human rights organization based in the cities of Kingston and Montego Bay. According to Lisa-Marie, a main focus of the organization is to work toward ending police abuses against Jamaican citizens. Jamaicans For Justice works with The Jamaican Amnesty International when researching the human rights situation in the country.

Lisa-Marie, an international relations and Spanish double major, has been a member of Wesleyan's chapter of Amnesty International (AI) for four years and served as president of the group this year. Though Amnesty International is not specifically for international students, its membership is diverse and includes members from the U.S., Bulgaria, Nepal, Jamaica, and China.

Founded in 1961 in the United Kingdom by Peter Benenson, Amnesty International is an international non-governmental organization established to protect human rights worldwide. In 1977 the organization won a Nobel Peace Prize. Today with more than 2.2 million supporters, activists, and volunteers in over 150 countries, the group's purpose is to protect people wherever justice, freedom, truth, and dignity are denied.

"Every day we hear about people all over the world being denied their basic human rights," stated Wesleyan Junior Sadichha Sitaula, who serves as the AI club treasurer. "Women and children are victims to a lot of injustices and violence." According to the biology and chemistry student from Nepal, as part of Amnesty International USA, the Wesleyan club is given the opportunity to act now, to stand up for human rights, and to support millions of other activists and volunteers who are united for this common cause. "This organization," she said, "truly makes me feel like I am contributing to this great cause and helping raise awareness in my local community."

On campus, the group increases awareness of international issues using teach-ins, movie nights, emails, and articles in the student newspaper, *Wesleyan Word*. They have tackled issues such as violence against women in the democratic republic of the Congo and Zimbabwe, the conflict in Darfur, the death penalty, the use of torture in the war on terror, and the plight of individuals at risk and prisoners of conscience. The focus is global. Brandt said, "We urge the student body to use its freedom and voice to help others through lobbying and petitioning. We work to ensure that people with the capacity to help are aware of these situations and know how to act."

The targets of the group's petitioning may be major corporations, elected representatives, or even heads of state in the U.S. and abroad. In 2007, for example, Wesleyan's AI club hosted *Act out and Write out for Darfur*, a mass letter writing campaign to stop

genocide in Darfur. By writing letters to the governments of the United States and Sudan, the students aimed to join a larger national initiative to increase awareness of the crisis and influence international public policy. Recognizing the club's efforts that year, Wesleyan students awarded Amnesty International with the 2008 Student Government Award for Philanthropy.

Wesleyan Sophomore Marta Kurshnova from Bulgaria sees the club as a direct connection to her double major of political science and economics, giving her an opportunity to become better informed on real world problems. Wesleyan AI sends delegates to the Amnesty International Southern Regional Conference every year and in fall 2008 hosted the Georgia Statewide Conference in Taylor Amphitheatre. To raise money for travel, conferences, and mailing petitions, the group organizes small fundraising events. During Macon's annual Cherry Blossom Festival arts and crafts fair, for example, the group staffs a merchant booth where members sell items from their native countries and help children create sand art for a minimal cost.

"I am passionate about this organization because it speaks for the voiceless and ignored in the time of their most dire need," Brandt said. "AI is effective and has earned a solid reputation internationally for that efficacy. It has grown from a small group of individuals in the United Kingdom who wrote letters to free prisoners of conscience to a major international organization with a strong clear voice for human rights, all while staying true to its purpose and goals."



AXIS: Association of eXemplary International Students

Rising Senior Aliece Cooke loves interacting with people from different cultures, and perhaps that's why this economics and accounting major from Kingston, Jamaica, seized the opportunity to lead the Wesleyan student organization of AXIS (Association of eXemplary International Students). "We are trying to change people's perspective of international students by educating them about other countries and issues that we, as internationals, face both in the United States and in our own countries," she said. Serving as AXIS president this year, Cooke is hoping to see membership numbers grow during her final year on campus.

AXIS provides a strong support group for international students who are trying to acclimate to a foreign environment. The goal is to break communication barriers by educating and stressing acceptance and tolerance for other cultures, norms, backgrounds, and preferences. AXIS strives to inform students from around the world that they have the opportunity to empower, uplift, and nurture leadership by eradicating stereotypes, especially negative ones.

AXIS Vice President Priyata Thapa from Kathmandu, Nepal, said AXIS was the first campus organization she joined because her initial identity was "basically an international student." Eventually she

intends to return to Nepal, but until then she is taking advantage of the opportunity to engage with students from all over the world and explore diverse cultures and perspectives. She feels being a part of the group has helped her connect with the student community.

The group organizes special events designed to raise awareness of global issues and to raise money for advocacy efforts, international student scholarships, and student travel expenses to leadership conferences. The annual AXIS International Dinner held each fall in Anderson Dining Hall, for example, not only is a campus favorite but also attracts a larger number of families from the community. Traditional cuisine representing several countries is offered and prepared by Wesleyan's international students. For several years, AXIS has initiated, organized, and promoted the popular dinner to celebrate the many cultures of Wesleyan and raise money for student scholarships.

Sujala Maharjan, a rising third-year student from Nepal, is majoring in psychology and international relations and has been involved with AXIS since she arrived on campus. "AXIS works in different areas to educate," she said. "Members give their best to the club and work really hard. We are all good friends, which makes working together so much fun."

Through AXIS, all students on campus learn more about international and cultural issues. Currently, more than twenty-five members of AXIS represent a dozen countries, including Nepal, Jamaica, Vietnam, Cameroon, Nigeria, Russia, Ireland, Bulgaria, South Korea, China, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Those members active in the group find great opportunity to strengthen powerful leadership skills. Many members have attended the Georgia International Leadership Conference hosted every year at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia.

Designed for international students and U.S. study abroad students currently enrolled at Georgia colleges and universities, the conference aims to leverage these students' international experiences to promote leadership, cross-cultural communication, and social networks. Students participate in cultural simulation games, are exposed to principles of leadership, and have a better understanding of their leadership styles. It's great preparation for post-graduate success for students like AXIS President Aliece Cooke. "My dream job is to work for the United Nations Development Programme — to go into impoverished nations and help build the basic infrastructure of the country, such as healthcare and education," she said.

Newly expanded Women's Studies Program prepares Wesleyan women

National survey findings indicate that liberal arts colleges for women attract those who believe they can change inequalities. On the Wesleyan campus, many of the women who claim this goal find interest in a newly expanded academic program designed to prepare women to be agents of change and advocates for social justice as professionals, community leaders, and family members. The women's studies interdisciplinary program has grown from a minor to a major program and its courses address the ways in which women's lives are shaped by biology, society, and cultural notions of gender.

Students take courses that are cross-listed from other departments at the College, such as psychology, art, economics, English, political science, communication, and philosophy. The unifying feature of the coursework is the focus on women's issues. Goals of the major include bringing students to a greater awareness of the roles of women in both developed and developing countries, and giving women knowledge that will allow them to play active roles, in their communities and in the world, as advocates for women.

According to several students completing requirements for the new major, the program is a natural fit at Wesleyan. "The fact that Wesleyan is a women's college gives our campus a unique edge," said Alexa Kister, a rising senior from Newnan, Georgia. "This place values women and encourages women to pursue excellence in every subject, field, and area of life. I'm earning a double major in women's studies and religious studies and a minor in history. Like many of my classmates, I plan to attend graduate school and am working hard to make sure I'm prepared to succeed at a high level. Of course, I'm not exactly sure what I want to do with my life but I know that I want to further my knowledge of women's issues around the world."

"I often weave the two paths of my majors together in my research and writing, but I believe the women's studies major is very strong on its own. Since it examines and delves into so many academic areas, the women's studies program has opened

my mind to seeing the world, society, and people in new ways and terms. Although feminism and women's rights are key elements of the major, women's studies students also are interested in fostering dialogue and relationships between all people and communities."

In addition to Alexa, two other students are expected to graduate in 2011 with a major in the new program, Sarah Hudson and Jackie Clark. Several other students will earn minors in women's studies. Sarah Bales, though, will officially be the first women's studies major at Wesleyan College. After transferring from Mercer University, Sarah completed degree requirements for the major and graduated in May of 2010.

"I chose to declare a women's studies major after taking the Women in Politics course during my first year," said Sarah Hudson, a rising senior from Decatur, Georgia. "I went to an all-girls high school, so women's issues have always been a fundamental component of my education. This course was so fascinating, and it incorporated two of my favorite academic areas — women and politics. The interdisciplinary nature of the women's studies major appealed to me, also. I have been able to take psychology, philosophy, and even economic classes that explore the experiences of women across the world and their contributions to these different disciplines."

Sarah Hudson is majoring in both political science and women's studies. "I really enjoy feminist theory, and through the women's studies coursework I'm able to delve into complex theories concerning women and gender. This coursework is intellectually challenging and pushes me to reconsider the way I interpret texts, social structures, and the world around me," she said.

According to Women's Studies Program Director Dr. Deidra Donmoyer, "As a true interdisciplinary field, a women's studies major reflects the essence of a liberal arts education. Wesleyan's program encourages students to examine how they are shaped by, and can shape, the

world. Students learn that they live in an interconnected web of choices, actions, and structures that are encoded within and sustained by language, behavior, institutions, and societal expectations. This program empowers women to take ownership of their lives, their actions, and their education."

Wesleyan's professors take a critical and experiential approach to women's studies classes, connecting abstract theories with discussions, performances, and student-centered teaching styles. "We encourage students to engage with their studies and their world and work toward awareness of issues that affect women at our school, in our city, in our nation, and on our planet," said Dr. Donmoyer.

Each year, Wesleyan holds a Women's Studies Symposium designed to showcase student research and to address important issues affecting women. Wesleyan students majoring in women's studies gain great experience organizing the symposium and presenting papers, or other creative projects, during the event. "It's one of the best events Wesleyan puts on every year," said Hudson, who helped plan the 2010 Symposium.

"Our goal is to demonstrate the expansive nature of women's studies — it goes beyond discipline borders and connects theories and concepts in ways that no other discipline can. In an effort to achieve this goal, we encourage women from all backgrounds and majors to submit abstracts for selection. As a result, we have speakers that present research that is as individual as they are. For example, this year we heard presentations on women's issues ranging from prostitution during the Vietnam War to literary death as means of escaping patriarchy. This made for an exciting night that challenged the audience on a number of fronts."

Students majoring in women's studies also enjoy participating in Wesleyan's Model United Nations Club. Teams of our students regularly participate in the Southern Regional Model United Nations Conference in Atlanta and in Harvard University's Model United

Nations national conference. Also, through the Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN), a consortium of women's colleges, students may participate in public leadership seminars in Washington, D.C.

"I chose women's studies as my major in my sophomore year," said Alexa Kister, "as it was only offered as a minor when I first came to Wesleyan. During the summer after my freshman year, I attended a PLEN seminar in D.C. Since these seminars are created for young women seeking educational and career opportunities, they introduced us to women who are leaders in their fields — in areas such as politics, law, economics, and non-profit work. I felt very inspired by the women I met, as most of them used their professional skills to advance the lives of other women in the world. "

"I became particularly interested in non-profit organizations and their work for women around the world. And I decided that, whether I eventually do work in the non-profit world or not, a degree in women's studies would provide me with the foundation I need to realize my path in life, simply because I believe in what I am studying. With women's studies, I have found that I am not only gaining an education but also cultivating a passion for women's issues and rights."

The women's studies major prepares students for a variety of professional opportunities, including advertising, art, business, communication, counseling, education, political leadership, health care, law, nonprofit administration, social justice, and social service. The major also is excellent preparation for graduate education in humanities and social science fields.

"Wesleyan puts women first," said Hudson, "and I think that philosophy creates extraordinary leaders. As students, we are preparing to lead in all aspects of society. I believe that a comprehensive understanding of women's experiences globally, locally, and historically is essential to functioning in our global community. Any career path that I choose, whether it be public relations, law, fashion, or politics, will undoubtedly be shaped for the better because of the education I received in women's studies at Wesleyan."

"I really enjoy the academic freedom in women's studies. Its versatility gives students endless possibilities in realizing what they are most passionate about — whether that's law, politics, religion, or another career path. A passion for women's studies can be expressed and implemented in so many professional ways. I'm excited to see where this major leads me."

Alexa Kister

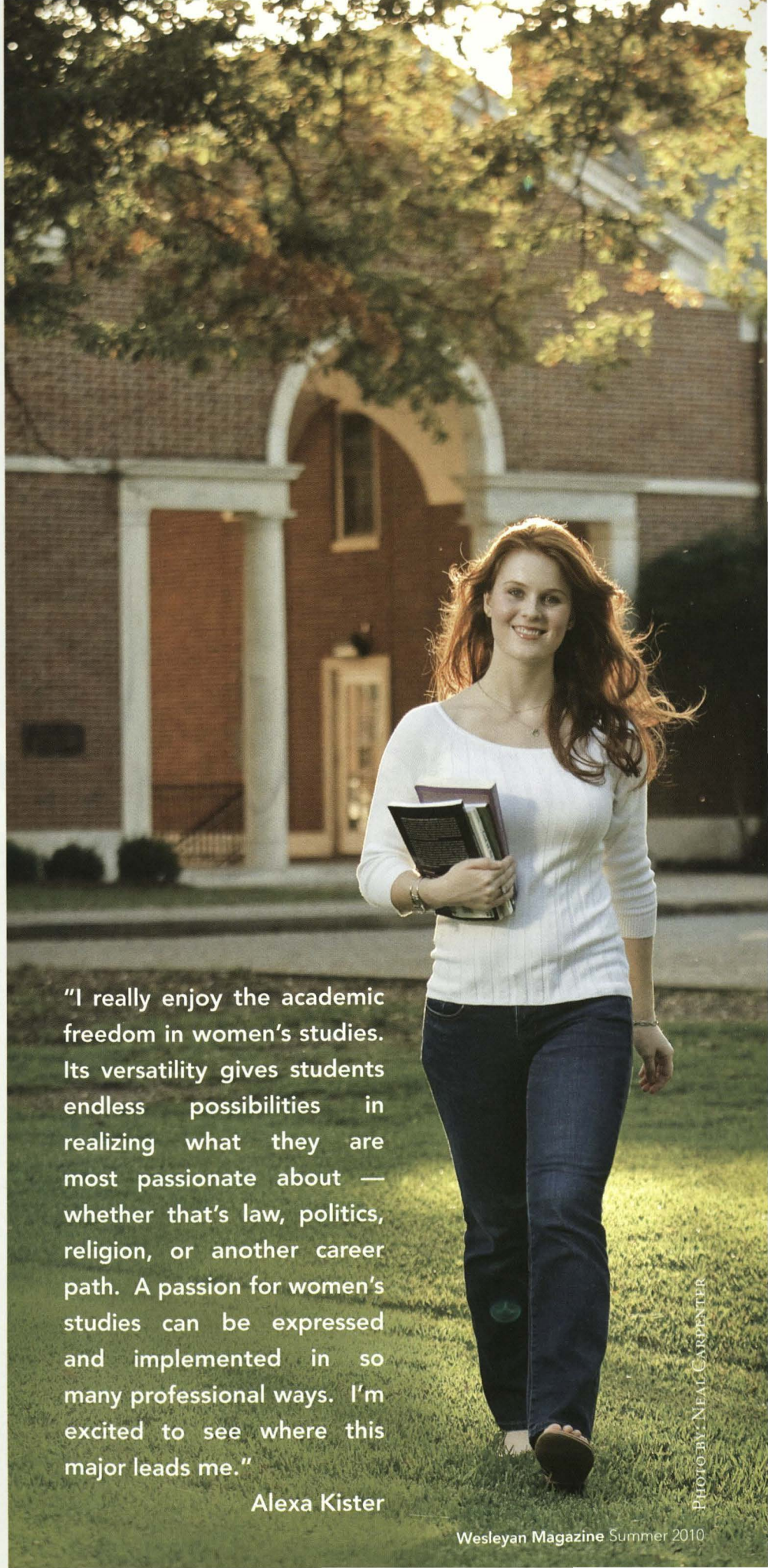


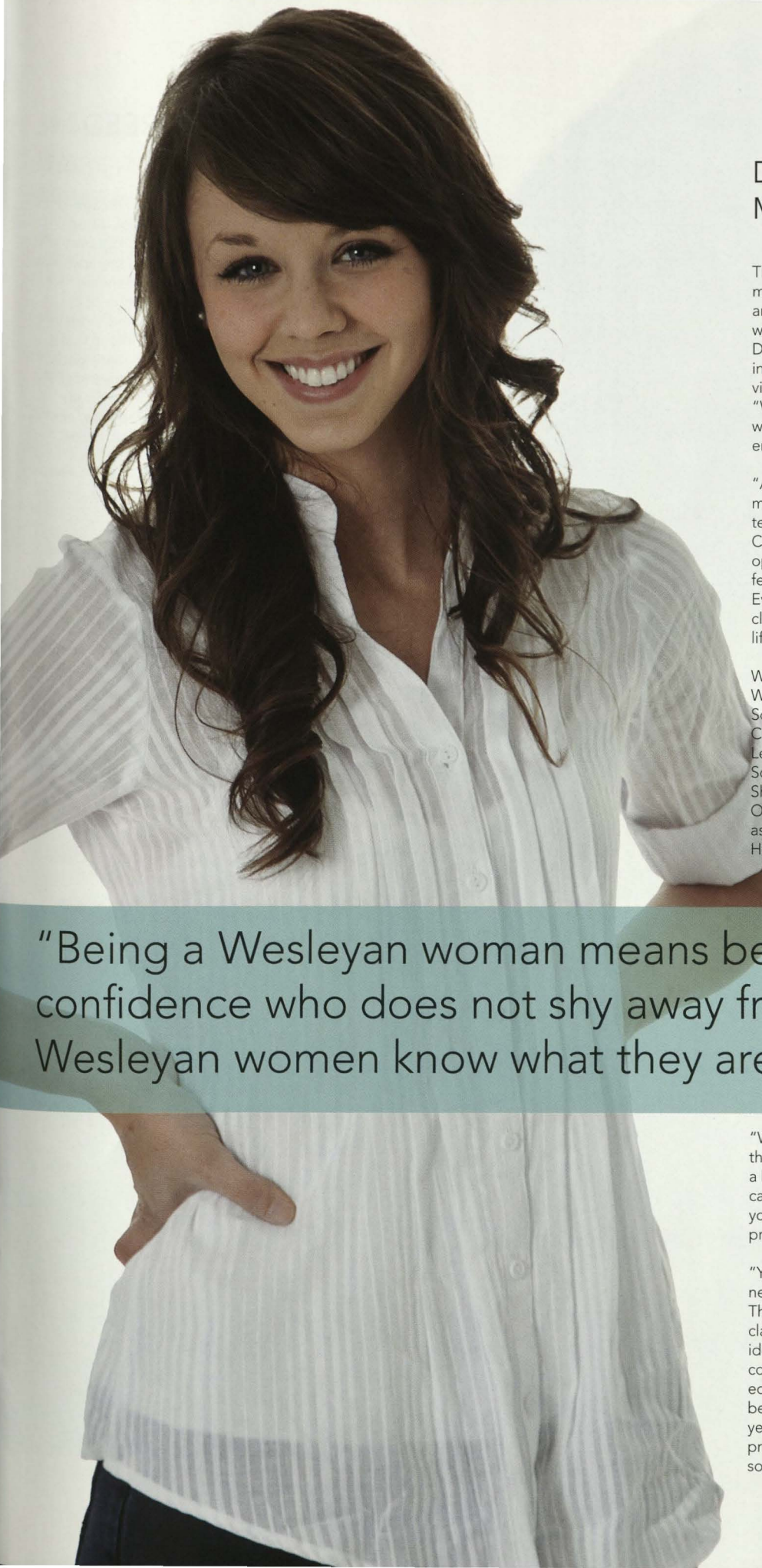
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faces of 2010

Of the 2010 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 21% earned double majors and 25% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2010 were: psychology, business administration, education, biology, and studio art. Roughly 60% of the graduates had secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement, according to voluntary surveys completed by most graduating seniors. An estimated 27% of the graduating class will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study including theology, social work, chemistry, athletic leadership, arts administration, law, psychology, mental health counseling, heritage preservation, and geo-physics. They're heading off to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the world like Yale, Duke, University of Pennsylvania, Emory, Baylor College of Medicine, NYU, and University of Southern California. Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate

them from other job-seeking candidates. Some double major combinations of 2010 graduates include: political science and women's studies, psychology and theatre, English and art history, biology and business administration, and Spanish and history. The 2010 graduates moving directly into the workforce will pursue professions in a wide variety of fields including education, accounting, law, insurance, business, and politics. One will serve as an Americorps legal advocate, another on a congressional campaign, and another as a laboratory assistant in the dermatology and genetics department at Yale University. A few of this year's graduates will delay graduate school and work to pursue summer research programs at places like IBM's Almaden Research Center and NASA's Airborne Research Program. Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet five faces representing the Class of 2010....



DREW GODDARD Macon, Georgia

This early childhood education major also minored in music with concentrations in piano and organ performance. She earned a 4.0 GPA while balancing life off campus as a newlywed. Drew and her husband gained a large following of internet fans when their YouTube proposal went viral and eventually landed them a spot on TLC's "Wild Weddings" show in 2009. Together, they wrote, recorded, and produced a full-length CD entitled *Our Own Little World*.


"After graduation, I hope to spend the summer making things for my classroom! I will begin teaching at an elementary school here in Bibb County, and I am very excited about having the opportunity to make a difference. I have to say, I feel incredibly prepared for my career as a teacher. Every class I took at Wesleyan helped me. Every class pushed me to be a better thinker and a life-long learner."

While a Wesleyan student, Drew earned the Winifred Colquitt Williams Scholarship, McKellar Scholarship, Smith-Addy Scholarship, R.M. Clary Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship, Evelyn LeRoy Fortson Scholarship, Vera Watson Music Scholarship, Bledsoe Scholarship, and HOPE. She was named Phi Kappa Phi's Student of Outstanding Academic Achievement, and served as treasurer of the Kappa Delta Epsilon Education Honor Society.

"Being a Wesleyan woman means being a woman of confidence who does not shy away from a challenge. Wesleyan women know what they are capable of."

"Wesleyan was the perfect choice for me. I knew this was where I was supposed to be. Wesleyan is a beautiful place to learn and a beautiful place to call home. It actually is like a family here. Everyone you come in contact with, from fellow students to professors, wants you to be successful."

"You really can't understand why the world still needs women's colleges until you attend one. There is something unique about sitting in a classroom full of other women with different ideas and opinions. I think attending a women's college gives you a stronger voice, and a certain edge. I have loved seeing my fellow classmates become Wesleyan women over the past four years. Wesleyan's heritage truly is something to be proud of. I love knowing that I have been a part of something so incredible."

A portrait of Natalia Fuller-Reed, a young woman with dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a white, long-sleeved, button-down shirt with vertical pleats and a pearl necklace. The background is a plain, light color.

NATALIA FULLER-REED Washington D.C.

This psychology major also minored in theatre and neuroscience and earned a 3.0 GPA. After graduation, she will begin a master's program in marriage and family counseling and therapy at North Carolina State University. "Attending Wesleyan has helped me gain strength in all aspects of my life because I have learned to truly value myself as a unique individual and one that is capable of setting and accomplishing many goals. Because the expectations are high for students, I established great expectations for myself right away. I've had so many opportunities to grow into a strong leader that I feel prepared to conquer the world."

While a Wesleyan student, Natalia received a theatre scholarship, Pierce Leadership Scholarship, Lois Hardy Scholarship, and a Wesleyan Merit Scholarship. In 2007, she was selected Best Newcomer to the Theatre. This year, she was voted Homecoming Queen. "STUNT, class soccer, Move up, pep rallies, and (most importantly) the bond you have with your fellow sisters — SISTERHOOD is what Wesleyan is about and you can't get that experience anywhere else."

On campus, Natalia stayed busy serving as a resident advisor, WAVE member, Black Student Alliance president, Alpha Kappa Psi member, Pierce Leader, and player on the varsity basketball team. Off campus, she spent time volunteering with the children of Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table. Recognizing her dedication to volunteer service, Wesleyan honored Natalia with the 2010 Lane Center Servant Leadership Award.

According to Lane Center Director Rhonda Green-Barnes, Natalia exemplifies servant leadership on every level. "She has taken the time to extend a helping hand to so many within the middle Georgia community. She fed the homeless, tutored at-risk youth, co-organized a community day in one of the largest housing developments in the city, volunteered at the Regional Youth Detention Center, organized a letter writing campaign to persuade Michelle Obama to speak on campus, and the list goes on and on. She has been a wonderful model for her sister Wesleyannes."

"We are well-rounded and dedicated to achieving academic excellence. But our traditions make us unique. Wesleyan women take pride in sisterhood, in caring for others."

JESSICA ALBRECHT

Hamburg, Germany and
Newnan, Georgia

This biology major and Spanish minor graduated with a 3.9 GPA. After graduation, Jessica will begin the Master of Science degree program in physician assistant studies at Baylor College of Medicine. "My desire is to provide healthcare to medically under-served areas both in the U.S. and internationally, and I would like to specialize in either pediatrics or emergency medicine."

While at Wesleyan, Jessica received several scholarships, including the Presidential, HOPE, Sally Bowen Scholarship, Ouida J. Ward Scholarship, Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta – Steve Dearduff Scholarship, Newnan Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship, and the Kiwanis Club Scholarship. She was a member in the most prestigious honor societies: Phi Kappa Phi; Beta, Beta, Beta; and Mortar Board.

"I chose to attend Wesleyan because of the small class sizes, the friendly atmosphere, and because I knew it was a place where I could develop leadership skills and be challenged. The rigorous academic curriculum has provided me with a strong foundation for post-graduate study. Often, I have been stretched out of my comfort zone here at Wesleyan, both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. I've learned that I am capable of so much more than I had originally thought."

Jessica served as president of Baptist Collegiate Ministries, secretary of Tri-beta Biological Honor Society, and on the Council for Religious Concerns. She claims, "being active in organizations on campus has given me the opportunity to become a leader."

"It's about being a confident, life-long learner. A Wesleyan woman strives to do her best and seeks to serve others wholeheartedly."

Off campus, she interned with The Medical Center of Central Georgia in the Emergency Center and Children's Healthcare Center, Newnan Hospital, and two regional clinics. She spent summer semesters abroad and interned with Santiago Missions in Chile (2007), Guatemala Medical Mission (2009), and Albertinen Hospital in Germany (2009).

"I am thankful for the cultural diversity at Wesleyan, because it has allowed me to learn about different cultures and relate to people from all over the world. The small Wesleyan community provides a distinct, close-knit environment in which you develop good friendships throughout your four years."

CRYSTAL CHURCH

Columbus, Georgia

This religious studies major and English minor earned a 3.4 GPA. After graduation, she will begin the Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership Master's Program at the University of Washington. "I love seeing the looks on peoples' faces when I tell them that I am a religious studies major, but my career goals have little to do with religion. That's the beauty of a liberal arts college! Because I have such a vast curricular background, I feel more than prepared going into a field that incorporates a variety of subjects: economics, ethics, communications, counseling, and so on."

Crystal Church grew up around a gym and has been going to high school basketball games her entire life with her father, a retired coach. Perhaps a budding coach herself, Crystal served as student assistant coach of the Wesleyan basketball team this year. Prior to that, she played point guard for the Pioneers for three years. She also held spots on the cross-country and softball teams. In 2009, she won the Mathews Multi-Sport Award.

Like many Wesleyan student-athletes, Crystal balanced athletics with a host of other interests. She remained active as a Wesleyan Disciple, a member of Student Government Association, Washboard Band, Canterbury Club, and STUNT committees. She earned the Brookstone Scholarship plus membership in the prestigious Mortar Board honor society, and was selected to participate in the Summer Leadership Institute.

"When I was a high school sophomore, President Knox and Vice President Patty Gibbs came to my school and spoke about Women in Leadership. I was so mesmerized by these women — being products of women's colleges themselves — that I went up and introduced myself after the convocation. From then on, I heard nothing but good things about Wesleyan."

"It feels spectacular to be taught by impassioned faculty and to catch the fire that sparks them. Wesleyan professors care about the whole student, and often are our biggest cheerleaders. The world will always need institutions that champion the education of women. We need to be empowered by faculty, staff, and peers to become leaders in the service of our communities."

"I think true Wesleyan Women are passionate and driven to leave the world better than when they came in."



RACHEL FULLERTON Decatur, Georgia

This history and political science major also minored in theatre with a 3.2 GPA. After graduation, she will be attending the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. "Academically, I feel that I have been challenged at Wesleyan in much the same way that I will be challenged in graduate school. The experience of serving in student leadership positions will help me in my pursuit of running a church, or managing a youth group. I have also been lucky enough to serve on task forces and committees — all great preparation for my future in the church."

While a Wesleyan student, she received the Dean's Scholarship, HOPE, and the Margaret Pitts Methodist Scholarship. Recognizing her active service on campus, Wesleyan honored her with the 2010 Student Government Association Leadership Award. As a first-year student, Rachel joined several demanding student activities and remained active all four years. She served as president of SGA and Young Democrats of Wesleyan, was a WAVE Member, Wesleyan Disciple, and PK STUNT committee member.

"I firmly believe I would not have received the same education anywhere else — nor would I have excelled in extra-curriculars anywhere else. Wesleyan has taught me to be a leader and I was able to find my voice here. I felt completely at home almost instantly. I wanted a community with small classrooms, but I never expected to find a school that also gave me that community outside of the classroom."

"The support system here is like none other. It's the sisterhood, the community. I have found friends here that connect to me in a way that couldn't have happened elsewhere. From my sisters, faculty, and staff, I have been encouraged during all four years. After being at Wesleyan, I am an educated woman in more than one sense. I have become strong, independent, empowered."

"Being a Wesleyan woman... it's about passion — for what you're doing, who you're serving, and who you're with in the process."

Savor & Save
the WORLD



Wesleyan's graduating seniors anxiously awaited the call to action and inspiration of commencement speaker Michelle Nunn, a nationally recognized agent of change and leader of the world's largest global volunteer network. "The Nunn family has a legacy of connection with Wesleyan... We have three generations worth of gratitude for Wesleyan's profound gifts to women and the world," she said referring to her own honor of serving as commencement speaker plus the Wesleyan women in her family including her aunt, Betty Nunn Mori '58, who currently serves as an active member of the Board of Trustees and her grandmother, Elizabeth Cannon Nunn '26, whose endowed scholarship has helped many students earn degrees. "The fourth generation is here in the audience today — my daughter," she said of the five-year-old sitting on the first row next to her grandfather, Senator Sam Nunn, Jr.

"I wanted her to be here to begin to understand our family debt and obligation to this institution and in the hopes that

to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day.' I believe that savoring the world and saving it can be a part of each of our days and our lives."

Michelle credited her grandmother's pioneering spirit for much of her own success. "My grandmother, Elizabeth Nunn, taught me a lot about relishing life," she said as she described her grandmother's passion for travel, exploration, and life-long learning. "In travel and adventure, we fall in love with the world. In my own experience, when I faced a wall of dislocation, anxiety, and even despair during college, I managed to pick myself up, get on a boat with 500 other students and cross the ocean for a semester at sea to explore twelve countries. It was the exact antidote that I needed and it created in me a life-long passion for travel — the kind of travel where you venture by local bus in Guatemala saddled between goats and chickens, or cross into the West Bank to talk with Palestinian women about democracy, or rise before sunset to catch

merged into a single organization, creating the world's largest global volunteer network. The new organization, now called Points of Light Institute, encompasses more than 250 affiliates in all fifty states and twelve international communities in ten countries. These affiliates act as community hubs — places where people can get connected, get involved, and make change happen in their communities.

The Points of Light Institute inspires, equips, and mobilizes people to take action that changes the world. The Institute has a global focus to redefine volunteerism and civic engagement for the 21st century, putting people at the center of community problem solving. Currently, Points of Light Institute operates three dynamic business units that share a mission: the Civic Incubator, MissionFish and HandsOn Network. These organizations put people to work accomplishing tasks that matter — tutoring children, building wheelchair ramps for disabled individuals, and transforming schools and homes.

"YOU WILL SEARCH FOR MEANING THROUGHOUT YOUR LIFE, BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU WILL FIND NO GREATER FULFILLMENT THAN IN SERVING OTHERS."

some of the inspiration, character, and leadership of you graduates would rub off or at least become a seed planted into the recesses of her consciousness," said Nunn. During the ceremony, Michelle received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree, the same award that Wesleyan presented to her father, Senator Nunn, in 1987 when he delivered the College's commencement address.

Michelle Nunn's personal ties to the College and her life-long dedication to service fueled a powerful address on the critical importance of servant leadership in effecting global change. Nunn applauded Wesleyan's national recognition for service, citing its inclusion on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Wesleyan has earned the Honor Roll with Distinction Award twice, an accomplishment no other college or university in the state can claim.

Nunn then urged the graduates to honor Wesleyan's legacy of servant leadership and consider their roles in changing the world. "Savor and save the world," Nunn implored. "I have always been sympathetic with E.B White's dilemma when he said, 'I arise in the morning torn between a desire

a glimpse of the Himalayas, or bathe in the Ganges. ... In falling in love with and savoring the world, we find that we are impelled to serve it and save it," she said.

"I have come to appreciate that it is the imagination and energy of our citizens that write the narrative of change — today and throughout our history. From Ben Franklin to Martin Luther King, we have been shaped by voluntary movements that have organized, advocated, and created. Volunteers built institutions like the Red Cross, Sierra Club and the Salvation Army. Volunteers have shifted the nation's moral compass. They have inspired and demanded new legislation from the women's movement to the environmental movement. The rights and privileges we all take for granted have been won by the perseverance and moral courage of citizen leaders. When you think about the defining and iconic leaders of our nation, they are service leaders who called others to action: Clara Barton, Susan B. Anthony, or Rachel Carson." Referencing a number of the world's most influential leaders who dedicated their lives to service and advocacy, she said, "Remember that change starts with individuals."

Michelle Nunn is the CEO of Points of Light Institute and Co-Founder of HandsOn Network. In 2007, Points of Light Foundation and HandsOn Network

Nunn began her career as the founding director of HandsOn Atlanta, a non-profit organization and now an affiliate of HandsOn Network that helps individuals, families, and corporate and community groups find flexible volunteer opportunities at more than 400 service organizations and schools. She was the organization's first staff person, and under her leadership, HandsOn Atlanta grew from a grassroots startup in 1989 to one of the nation's largest community-based volunteer organizations. As similar organizations were developed across the country, an overarching entity was created to manage the growing network of affiliates. Nunn became president and CEO of HandsOn Network and later took the helm of the combined Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network after the merger.

Nunn graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Virginia in 1989 with a major in history and a minor in religion. She has studied at Oxford University and in India. She was a Kellogg National Fellow and has a master's degree in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Nunn currently serves on the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, is a co-convener of the ServiceNation coalition and serves as a board member of All for Good.



WESLEYAN PRESENTS SOUTHERN MUSIC, ART & CULTURE LAMAR LECTURE SERIES

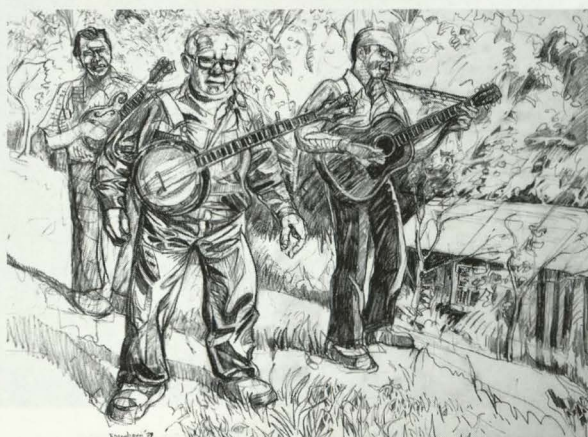
Reintroduce yourself to Southern folk through the work of 2009 Grammy Award Winner Art Rosenbaum. "It's not what you think it is," he claims. "Folk music was a term that originated in the nineteenth century to describe musical folklore. More recently, it's been used to define music handed down through an oral tradition, music unrecorded and undocumented, with no known composer. But, the word *folk* is imprecise. When people hear that term they think of a spectrum that includes traditional music, like that of Georgia ballad singer Mary Lomax, all the way to popular folk rock of a new recording artist."

Art Rosenbaum is an American folk music expert. For decades, he has explored his interests in Southern culture across several disciplines – painting, teaching, musicianship, and field recording. This year, he introduced his passion to the Wesleyan community through a three-day exploration of Southern music, art, and culture starting with a folk ballads and blues concert in Wesleyan's Porter Auditorium. Collaborating with Wesleyan to present the series was an ideal invitation for Rosenbaum. "Because the

project included film, music, and visual art," he said, "we achieved a synergistic effect and offered a broader picture of this traditional music and its culture."

Rosenbaum is a painter, muralist, and illustrator, as well as a collector and performer of traditional American folk music. He considers music a living, on-going art form and has spent his life painting about the subject and recording indigenous folk music. His *Art of Field Recording Volume 1*, a compilation of fifty years of his fieldwork on the Dust-to-Digital label, won a 2009 Grammy Award for Best Historical Album. However it's defined, Rosenbaum likes his music to have honesty. "As a kid I listened to labor union songs, Burl Ives, Pete Seeger and the Harry Smith Anthology of American Folk Music," said the retired UGA art professor and self-taught folk musician. "Fairly early on I realized the most exciting music was that music developed in a style and passed on to the next generation. Oral tradition is always changing. There's no tune; there are tunes. No text, but texts. The melodies are constantly being changed."

Rosenbaum was playing the guitar at eleven and banjo



The Chancey Brothers by Rosenbaum, charcoal on paper, 1977

"The drawings tend not to change," said 2009 Grammy Award Winner Art Rosenbaum. "Some are done from life, some from photographs. In these, I'm just trying to create honest drawings of the subject matter. I try to depict the musicians as they are making music. I don't feel the need to push change."



The Georgia Mud Cuts by Art Rosenbaum, charcoal on paper, 2009

in high school. He bought his first banjo with \$25 and taught himself to play it using a guidebook, *How to Play the Five-String Banjo*. At eighteen when a college student at Columbia, he started making field recordings. "I'm trying to record the musical culture these artists value," he said. "I respect the music. I like to be more than a listener. I like to be a participant. I don't have the same deep roots in the family tradition of the music but I'm part of the cultural patchwork, part of a folk music revival."

This year, Wesleyan collaborated with Rosenbaum to present a live concert of authentic American folk music. Several groups and soloists performed soulful blues,

stirring mountain ballads, and traditional instrumental folk music. Performers included vocalist Mary Lomax, a string band (composed of 92-year-old fiddler Earl Murphy, Charlie and Nancy Hartness, and Beverly Smith), and acoustic guitarist and blues singer Tony Bryant. The grandson of the legendary blues singer Curly Weaver, Bryant represents four generations of family Georgia blues singers dating back to the turn of the 20th century. His 2009 album, *Blues by Blood*, has been described as one of the most authentic acoustic blues field recordings in decades.

In addition to the concert, Wesleyan presented *Sing My Troubles By*, a documentary

film on older Georgia women who carry on folk music traditions, by Art's son, Neil Rosenbaum. Following the film, Art led a discussion about Southern folk singers and his work documenting Southern culture. Much of Rosenbaum's documentation is in the form of charcoal drawings and vibrant, large-scale paintings. Many of these drawings and paintings, plus black and white photography by his wife Margo Rosenbaum, and the work of self-taught folk artist Bonnie Loggins were included in a special two-gallery exhibition on the Wesleyan campus.

Rosenbaum's exaggerated color palette, rhythmic brush strokes, and oversized canvas dimensions fill a large gallery



Precious Bryant by Art Rosenbaum, charcoal on paper, 2010

space with the energy of a hundred songs. "There's an association through color and texture that communicates music and energy. By using rhythmic brushstrokes, I see that I convey something about tunes. But that something just happens in the process. It's not something that I really planned."

Rosenbaum likes the ambition of tackling large paintings. Some are associative, many are allegorical, and others are straightforward and representative. Collectively the paintings tell the story of the unique culture he loves and respects. His subjects are depicted larger-than-life with heightened color and detail. Many paintings offer a

voyeuristic glimpse into the lives of Rosenbaum's field recording subjects. Captured in intimate, informal settings, his subjects often engage the viewer as if the candid moment is a bit intrusive, an interruption. "The tension is there," said Rosenbaum, "and that's part of the engagement."

He claims it's not his goal to communicate something specific about Southern culture through his visual art. "It's just the subject matter," he said. "If I respond to the subject matter, then there's a correlation between the process of documenting and the visual art. I serve as collector, compiler, archivist, documenting to present as objectively as possible. But,

I value evidence that the art communicates something. You can be a contemporary artist and produce work that resonates like an old spiritual or banjo tune. What's really exciting is introducing new life, not just preserving history — seeing extraordinary in the ordinary."

Art Rosenbaum earned his MFA in Painting at Columbia University and has worked in France on a Fulbright grant in painting; he also has a Fulbright Senior Professorship in Germany. Among his exhibitions was the Corcoran's 41st Biennial of American Painting, and his works are in many collections, including the New Orleans Museum of Art and the Columbus (GA)



Mary Lomax and Bonnie Loggins by Art Rosenbaum, charcoal on paper, 2007

In January, Wesleyan College invited the community to celebrate Southern folk music, art, and culture through three special events organized by 2009 Grammy Award Winner Art Rosenbaum. The events were sponsored by the Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar Lecture Series. This lecture series at Wesleyan was established in 1957 by one of Wesleyan's most distinguished alumnae, Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar, class of 1883. Mrs. Lamar was an active and dedicated community leader and an honored trustee of Wesleyan for many years. Through the Eugenia Dorothy Blount Lamar Lecture Series, she aimed to attract distinguished scholars to speak at her own alma mater and to aid in the permanent preservation of Southern history, literature, and culture. Today, the Lamar Lecture Series sponsors annual public presentations by renowned historians, sociologists, and literary scholars at Wesleyan College and Mercer University and is recognized as the most important lecture series on Southern history and literature in the United States.

Museum. He has executed mural commissions at the UCLA School of Law and the Center for Humanities and Arts at the University of Georgia. His solo show in 2000 at the Blue Mountain Gallery in New York was reviewed in *Art in America*.

His folk music field work in the South and Midwest has resulted in over fourteen documentary recordings, several of which are on Smithsonian-Folkways. He wrote and illustrated two books, *Folk Visions and Voices: Traditional Music and Song in North Georgia* (1983) and *Shout Because You're Free: The African American Ring Shout Tradition on the Coast of Georgia* (1998), both published by the University of Georgia Press.

A performer on a variety of folk instruments, Rosenbaum has appeared at numerous folk festivals both solo and with groups like the present-day Skillet Lickers, has cut three banjo/vocal LPs and CDs, and has written and illustrated two instructional books on traditional banjo styles. He is Wheatley Professor in Fine Arts at the University of Georgia's Lamar Dodd School of Art and in 2003 was a recipient of a Governor of Georgia's Award in the Humanities. Many of Art's field recording encounters have been captured in his wife's stunning photography. The diverse talents of both Art and Margo Rosenbaum have allowed them to document music traditions in a way few others could have done.

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WESLEYAN IS NAMED #3 ON THE PRINCETON REVIEW'S LIST OF TOP TEN "BEST VALUE" PRIVATE COLLEGES FOR 2010

Wesleyan College is the nation's #3 "Best Value" private college for 2010 according to The Princeton Review, one of America's most widely known education services and test preparation companies. The Princeton Review teamed with USA TODAY, the nation's most widely read print newspaper, to present its list, "The Princeton Review Best Value Colleges for 2010."

The list features one hundred schools in all — fifty public and fifty private colleges and universities — and posted on the websites of The Princeton Review and USA TODAY in January. Of the fifty schools chosen in each category (public and private), the top ten are ranked one to ten and the remaining forty are listed in alphabetical order and unranked.

In its profile of Wesleyan College on USA TODAY's website, the editors at The Princeton Review commend the school for its "rigorous academic atmosphere," "small classes and exceedingly approachable professors," and "unique sisterhood traditions." Editors claim, "This place is one of the most affordable small, private colleges in the United States. The cost of attendance is about half the national average among schools of its caliber."

The Princeton Review selected the institutions as its "Best Value" choices for 2010 based on its surveys of administrators and students at more than 650 public and private colleges and universities. The selection criteria covered more than thirty factors in three areas: academics, costs of attendance, and financial aid, using the most recently

reported data from each institution for its 2008-09 academic year.

According to Princeton Review Senior Vice President and Publisher Robert Franek, "We know many families and students have serious concerns about paying for college in these tough economic times. Among the nearly 16,000 respondents to our 2009 College Hopes and Worries Survey, of college applicants and parents, 85% said financial aid would be 'very necessary' for them this year. However there are many first-rate institutions offering outstanding academics at a relatively low cost of attendance and/or generous financial aid, including some that may surprise applicants. We're pleased to have again teamed up with USA TODAY to identify and commend the one hundred colleges that do just that and do it best in the nation."

Visitors to The Princeton Review website and USA TODAY website can access the complete lists of fifty public and fifty private "Best Value" colleges. USA TODAY's site features a database that allows users to view in-depth details about the schools by clicking on an interactive map to explore criteria including cost of attendance and financial aid data, enrollment size, location and The Princeton Review's analysis of why each school was chosen as a "Best Value" college. The Princeton Review previously reported annual "Best Value" public and private colleges lists on its website and in its book, *America's Best Value Colleges*, which was published from 2004 to 2007.



THE PRINCETON REVIEW "TOP 10 BEST VALUE PRIVATE COLLEGES FOR 2010" ARE:

1. Swarthmore College (Swarthmore PA)
2. Harvard College (Cambridge MA)
3. Wesleyan College (Macon, GA)
4. Princeton University (Princeton NJ)
5. Yale University (New Haven CT)
6. Williams College (Williamstown, MA)
7. Rice University (Houston TX)
8. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)
9. Amherst College (Amherst, MA)
10. Wellesley College (Wellesley, MA)

THE "TOP 10 BEST VALUE PUBLIC COLLEGES FOR 2010" ARE:

1. University of Virginia (Charlottesville VA)
2. City University of New York – Hunter College (New York NY)
3. New College of Florida (Sarasota FL)
4. Florida State University (Tallahassee FL)
5. University of Colorado (Boulder, CO)
6. State University of New York at Binghamton (Binghamton NY)
7. Univ. of Georgia (Athens GA)
8. Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA)
9. Texas A & M University (College Station, TX)
10. University of Oklahoma (Norman, OK)

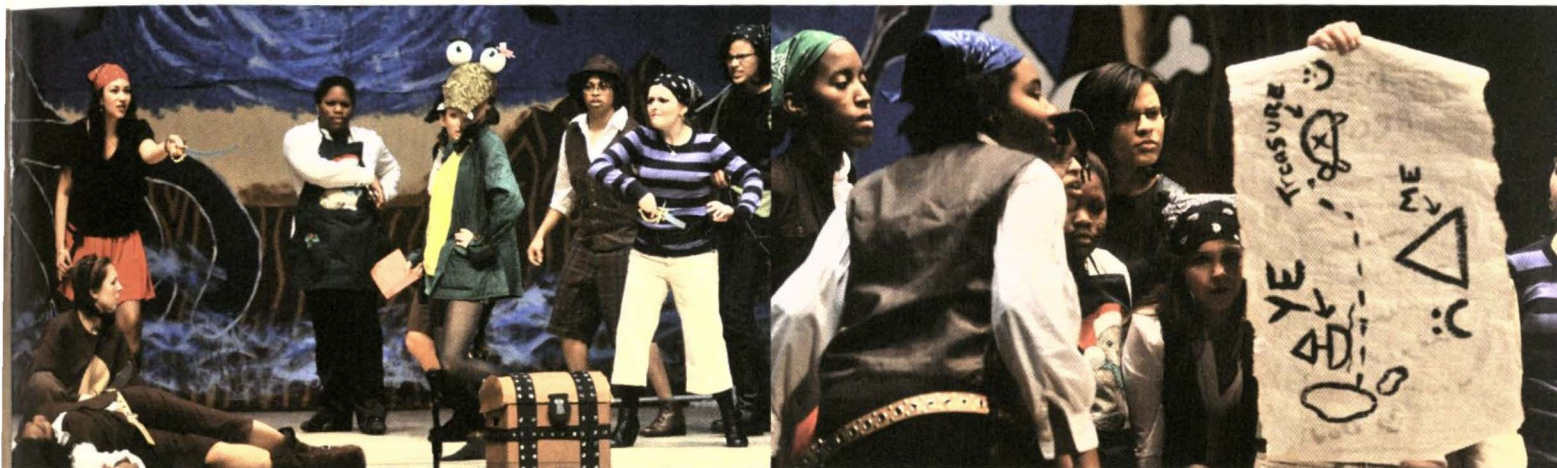


STUNT.10

Golden Hearts



From hilarious costumes to moving candlelit ceremonies, tradition is alive and well at the world's oldest and boldest college for women. 2010 marked the 114th year of the annual class musical production that dates back to 1897. The four classes wrote, directed, performed, and produced their own skits to compete for the coveted STUNT cup. The Golden Hearts won the STUNT Cup and the Purple Knights won the Spirit Cup this year. All proceeds from the annual event benefit academic scholarships. (Photo by Jason Vorhees.)



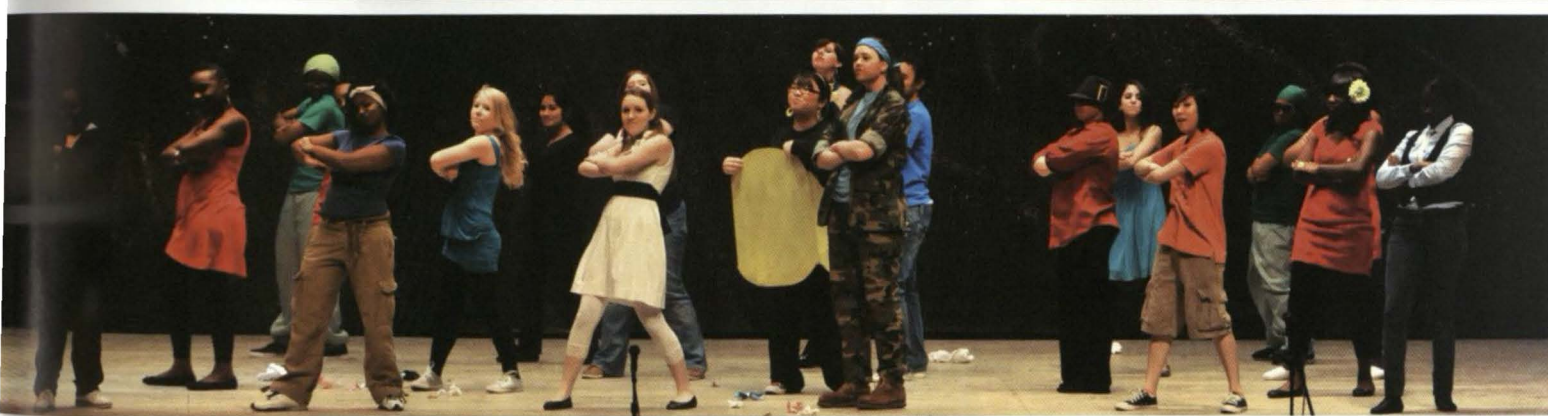
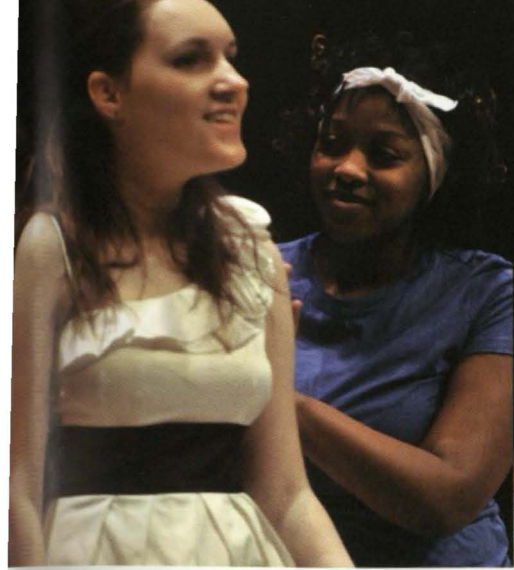
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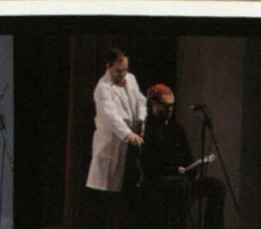


FACULTY FOLLIES





Pirates



WESLEYAN HONORED

for Distinguished Community Service

Wesleyan College has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Wesleyan is one of 115 schools nationally, and one of only four in Georgia, to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction Award. 2009 marks Wesleyan's second year on this prestigious Distinction Award list, an honor no other college or university in the state can claim.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. The Honor Roll includes six colleges and universities that are recognized as Presidential Awardees, with an additional 115 named to the Distinction List and 621 schools named as Honor Roll members. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

This year's 2009 Honor Roll is the fourth annual list for the national community service recognition program. For 2008, Wesleyan was one of eighty-three schools nationally, and the only school from Georgia, to receive the Honor Roll with Distinction Award. Wesleyan College also was named to the 2006 and 2007 Honor Rolls.

"Congratulations to Wesleyan College and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities," said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the CNCS. "Our nation's students are a critical part of the equation and vital



Accounting Majors Suzzanne Griffiths, Amy Brinson, and Aleice Cooke are just three of the Wesleyan students who regularly donate time and talent with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at the Macon-Bibb County Senior Citizens Center.

to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service."

On campuses across the country, thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classrooms. College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the CNCS.

Wesleyan students are connected with the community through the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. Officially dedicated during 2006, the Lane Center initiates community leadership development and coordinates projects,

such as the nationally recognized Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table program, Lane Center Tutors & Servant Leaders, and WOW! Days for Macon. Service learning is a cornerstone of Wesleyan's curriculum and is integrated fully into the classroom experience. Although not a requirement, more than two-thirds of the students are actively engaged in community service activities.

The CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. The CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America programs, and leads President Obama's national call to service initiative, *United We Serve*.

Meet Dean Fowler

Wesleyan College Dean Dr. Vivian Lawton Fowler returned to her *alma mater*, Columbia College, in South Carolina to receive the prestigious Medallion Award at a dinner and awards ceremony held in November. The institution's highest honor, the Medallion is presented annually to those individuals whom Columbia College wishes to recognize for exceptional accomplishments, leadership, and service.

Vivian Fowler joined the administration of Wesleyan College as the Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs in July of 2007. Prior to that she held teaching and administrative roles from 1986 to 2007 at Columbia College, a sister women's college that also is affiliated with The United Methodist Church. Just a few of those positions included Director of General Education and Director of the Center for Engaged Learning, Spears Professor of Religion, and Co-Executive Director of eChristianEd, a web-based program that provides training for United Methodist church leaders around the world.

First consecrated a diaconal minister in 1980 and now an ordained deacon in The United Methodist Church, Dr. Fowler served churches in South Carolina for ten years before joining the faculty of Columbia College. She graduated *cum laude* from Columbia College and received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Sociology (1976). She earned a Master of Arts in Religion at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (1980) and a Ph.D. in Foundations of Education at the University of South Carolina (1994).

Fowler's honors include Columbia College Omicron Delta Kappa Professor of the Year (1995), Columbia College Outstanding Professor (1996), S.C. Governor's Distinguished Professor Award (1997), and The United Methodist Church's Francis Asbury Award (2002). She has been nationally recognized for her work to support and advance efforts to improve student learning and transitions into and through college. As a frequent speaker in churches, her passion is sharing the stories of biblical women through character presentations and biblical instruction. So far, she has developed monologues for ten biblical women.





FROM THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Alumnae Weekend was such a special time to renew friendships, to update news about our families, and to relive the fun times we shared as Wesleyan classmates. It also was a time to enjoy the sisterhood of all Wesleyannes, not just the sisterhood of our own classmates. As we celebrated the 50th reunion of the Golden Belles of 1960 (don't they seem younger every year?) and reunions of other classes, we also welcomed the

Purple Knights of 2010 into our great sisterhood, inviting them to become alumnae who will continue to share their talents and enthusiasm from student days with new sisters in the Alumnae Association.

I am so thankful for all of you who returned to Wesleyan for this weekend. You make Alumnae Weekend the wonderful gathering that it is. I am also thankful for the work of all of our alumnae volunteers who planned this special weekend and who helped to make it a beautiful and memorable experience. Alumnae Weekend Chair Carol Bacon Kelso '73 had a great team who often worked "behind the scenes" throughout the weekend, inspired by their love for Wesleyan and by Carol's *joie de vivre*.

We hope you will come back to Wesleyan to visit — and, most especially, that you will come back for Alumnae Weekend 2011. So please mark your calendars for April 15th, 16th, and 17th of next year. We would love to see you!

Susan Woodward Walker '70

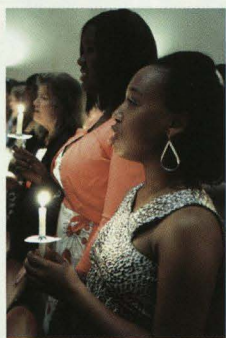
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

Alumnae Weekend 2011 / April 15, 16 & 17

You will be receiving more information about your reunion this fall. Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

1926	1941	1956	1971	1986	2001
1931	1946	1961	1976	1991	2006
1936	1951	1966	1981	1996	2010







Class of 1960 50th Reunion

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IN CELEBRATION OF
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TO WESLEYAN COLLEGE





2010 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

SHARON PIZZO LYNN LONG BETTY LO GAYLE FINDLAY MARY MARGARET MCNEILL WITH RUTH KNOX

SHARON SMITH PIZZO '65 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



In everything Sharon Pizzo '65 does, she gives the kind of attention to detail that can only come from a sincere and caring individual. Sharon is not only a remarkable woman with extraordinary qualities; but also a good person. Sharon's dedication to helping others is exemplified in her commitment to causes close to her heart.

A native of Tampa, Florida, Sharon's volunteer work has impacted her community in significant ways. After graduating from Wesleyan in 1965 with a degree in elementary education, she returned to Tampa and began her teaching career. In addition to the demands of being a young first grade teacher, wife, and mother of two, Sharon began volunteering. She has shared her talents and applied her leadership ability

to volunteer roles that directly involved her children — with the Girl Scouts, PTA, and Cub Scouts — and also to organizations that benefited other children in the community. As charter chairman of the Foundation for Children with Learning Disabilities, she led a fundraiser that earned more than \$150,000 for research and scholarships. A charter board member of Festival of Trees in Tampa, Sharon served as four-time festival parade chair, raising thousands of dollars for the Child Abuse Council. Her work with the Junior League includes leadership roles such as Sustainer President, and serving ten years on the board of directors. Sharon was one of the first women elected to the vestry in her church, and she is active in her local DAR and UDC chapters.

Sharon's dedication to the Tampa community has spanned forty-five years. She served on the board of directors of the Tampa Historical Society, and was the only woman appointed by Florida Governor Bob Martinez to serve on the board of directors of the first Ybor City Farmer's Market and

Centennial Park Committee, where she served two terms as president. She also has been a member of the board of directors of Chiselers, a preservation group for the University of Tampa. Passionate about raising awareness of the city, she is a charter member of Friends of the Royal Navy, where she planned activities and served as host for Queen Elizabeth's visit to Tampa in 1991. The Florida Center for Contemporary Art benefits from her volunteer work as well.

Throughout the years Sharon has stayed connected to Wesleyan as an active alumna volunteer. She has hosted events in Tampa for five Wesleyan presidents and has served as an AAR, helping to recruit students by attending college fairs, visiting counselors, and most recently, hosting an admission "yield party." Her father is the late "B.G." Smith, a former Wesleyan trustee and founder of the Wesleyan Parent's Organization.

LYNN LAMBERTON LONG, Ph.D. '70 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT IN A PROFESSION



Lynn Lamberton Long graduated from Wesleyan in 1970 with a degree in Spanish education, and has enjoyed a distinguished career as a family therapist and educator. Lynn

earned a master's degree from Rollins College (receiving their Outstanding Alumni Award in 1989), an Ed.S., and a Ph.D. in counselor education from the University of Florida. She has served as a family therapist for counseling centers and in private practice and has taught counseling and therapy classes at the University of Florida, Rollins College, and Stetson University. Today, she has her own private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist, specializing in families of divorce and families of incest. She retires this year as chair of the graduate department of

counselor education at Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, a position she has held since 1989, but will continue in the role of an advisory board member.

Internationally acclaimed in her field, Lynn has presented papers to professional groups worldwide on topics related to couples and sexuality. She has spoken at international counseling conferences in China, Germany, Costa Rica, Vietnam, and Russia, and has developed therapeutic models for both incestuous families and couples. The couples model has been used in many colleges and universities for teaching graduate students. Her impressive list of publications includes *Counseling and Therapy for Couples* (2006), *Sexuality Counseling for Couples: An Integrative Approach* (2006), and *Counseling and Therapy for Couples* (1998).

Lynn has logged more than 50,000 hours of counseling for individuals, families, and groups on topics including stress, depression, divorce, premarital issues, career development, incest, eating

disorders, and child behavioral problems. She has served locally, nationally, and internationally as an expert witness and consultant to the judicial and legal system on child abuse and child custody issues.

Lynn serves on her church's altar guild, presents couples workshops to numerous organizations, and participates on the board of a local women's club. In addition, she has been instrumental in funding a marriage and family training center at the House Next Door Family Counseling Center in DeLand, and has served on their board of directors.

As she awaits the arrival of her first grandchild, however, Lynn considers being mother to her two sons her greatest achievement and contribution to the world. In her semi-retirement she intends to travel, play tennis and bridge, and continue to serve the professional and local community as she's done most of her adult life.

BETTY LO (FREEMAN) '95 YOUNG ALUMNA AWARD



Before Wesleyan even had a degree in international business, Betty Lo designed her own major, combining international business and political science, a course of study that formed the basis of

the degree offered today. Following graduation in 1995, Betty put her new degree to good use when she joined the Coca-Cola Company and started on the fast track to advancement. Now as Senior Communications Manager and global Knowledge Management Lead for the company's McDonald's Division, she leads the design and implementation of global knowledge management and collaboration systems and manages internal and external communications and public relations for the division.

In her fifteen years with Coca-Cola, Betty has held various positions within the

company, including strategic planning, project management, marketing and public relations, brand alignment, and client relationship management. She has been a keynote speaker for Coca-Cola events and has traveled extensively for the company, working with global markets on several continents. Born in Taiwan and reared in Houston, Texas, Betty is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and speaks conversational Spanish, Japanese, and Bulgarian. Her language skills as well as her undergraduate studies as an international scholar at Sofia University in Sofia, Bulgaria, have served her well in her professional roles. She has won the respect and admiration of her colleagues; and in fact, was selected by her peers to represent Coca-Cola as a torch bearer during the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympic Torch Relay.

An active volunteer and community leader, Betty is co-chair of the diversity and inclusiveness committee of the Public Relations Society of America, Georgia chapter. She also serves on the executive committee of Coca-Cola's Women's Forum of over 1,300 members. Betty is a founder, chair, and current steering committee

member of the Coca-Cola Asian Employee Business Resource Group and vice president of corporate relations for the National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Atlanta. She was co-chair of the 2007 NAAAP National Convention in Atlanta, hosting more than 1,000 Asian-American professionals from across North America.

In addition to her many professional and civic responsibilities, Betty has found time to give back to her *alma mater*. Recently, she completed a six-year term of service with Wesleyan's Alumnae Association Board of Managers. Over the years she has interacted with and been accessible to Wesleyan students on many levels. She has mentored and hosted student interns at Coca-Cola, served on alumnae panels during career days, and has returned to campus as a featured speaker.

Betty is to be admired for her business expertise, which has propelled her career to an impressive level at a young age. Her accomplishments both at home and in the global community are indeed rare at any age.

GAYLE ATTAWAY FINDLAY '55 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO WESLEYAN



When Gayle Attaway left Dublin, Georgia, to come to Wesleyan College in the fall of 1951, she had no idea how remarkable her life would be or how strong her ties to Wesleyan would become. In June of 1954, Gayle married Cuyler Findlay and began a grand partnership that has produced four children, seven grandchildren, and numerous outstanding achievements.

After earning her BFA degree in 1955, Gayle stayed in Macon and worked at WMAZ radio station before joining Cuyler in Maryland where he was serving in the Army. In 1963, Cuyler's career in finance took the Findlays to New York City where they lived for six years prior to settling in New Canaan, Connecticut.

Gayle earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Teachers College of Columbia University and a master's degree in humanities from Manhattanville College. In New Canaan, Gayle was director of the Methodist Church Nursery School and an emergency medical technician, and in Norwalk, CT, an emergency room volunteer. She served on the boards of the New Canaan Country School and the New Canaan Winter Club, participated in the botanical art and illustration program at the New York Botanical Garden, and studied printmaking at the Silvermine School of Arts. Despite her active involvement in her community and her devotion to her family, Gayle never forgot her southern roots or her loyalty to Wesleyan.

Cuyler, who had two sisters who attended Wesleyan, has always shared Gayle's enthusiasm for supporting the College in numerous ways. The Findlays have opened their homes in Connecticut and Sea Island to Wesleyan administrators, alumnae, and trustees. Over the years, Cuyler and Gayle have entertained a variety of Wesleyan visitors — from our student Concert Choir to three college presidents. Gayle has been the backbone of the Tri-State Alumnae Group, hosting their first meeting in Cuyler's Manhattan office, and serving as chair for ten years.

Gayle was elected a trustee of the College in 1998, after having served six years as an alumna trustee. She continues to serve on the board today where her keen insight and wise counsel are valued by all. Gayle used her expertise to begin Wesleyan's formal archival program, financing many of the start-up costs herself and persuading acclaimed actress and Wesleyan graduate Eugenia Rawls '34 to donate her collection. A faithful donor to Wesleyan, Gayle is a member of the Stanback Society and the Society for the Twenty-First Century and served on the steering committee for the Alumnae Campaign. In 1998, Gayle and Cuyler endowed the Findlay Scholars Fund that will provide in perpetuity generous financial assistance to outstanding students in the social sciences and humanities.

MARY MARGARET WOODWARD MCNEILL '60 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CHURCH



A lifelong Presbyterian whose service to her church and community began long before her Wesleyan days, Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill will tell you that serving in a church is not about being personally honored, but about honoring God through service in God's name. Her family and friends will tell you that not a day goes by without Mary Margaret serving her God and church with much of it accomplished quietly and effectively

behind the scenes. All that she does, she does with a smile, a kind word, and a very big and generous heart.

Wesleyan classmates, too, describe Mary Margaret as diligent, kind-hearted, calm, and extremely loyal. Known for refusing to accept anything short of perfection, she "captivates her listeners with her literary work, her love for music, and her delicacy in handling people."

In 1968, Mary Margaret and her husband, Larry, moved to Southern Pines, North Carolina, where they joined Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church. Since that time, she has served as Clerk of Session, chairperson of the church nominating committee, Presbyterian Women moderator, Sunday School teacher, Bible School teacher, Circle Bible Study leader, Wednesday prayer group member, prayer shawl knitter, Family Promise volunteer, representative at Coastal Carolina Presbytery meetings, member of the Presbytery's committee on nominations and volunteer development, and commissioner to the 1998 Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly. In addition, she is a member of the vocal and handbell choirs, substitute organist, Sunday School pianist, and a member of the Bellaires Handbell Quartet, for whom she has composed and arranged quartet music.

Although Mary Margaret has been honored with a life membership from the Presbyterian Women, she says her greatest honor has been the opportunity to serve God in an active, caring church in which she and her husband have reared their three children. Mary Margaret's compassion and service to others expands beyond the walls of her church. She's also active in Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the Southern Pines Library, Sandhills Community College, Moore County chapter of the North Carolina Symphony, Sandhills Council of Garden Clubs, Public Education Foundation of Moore County, Clan Munro USA and, of course, her *alma mater*.

Last year, on top of these many other services, Mary Margaret became a Stephen Minister, after completing 50 hours of training, so that she can extend care to those going through a difficult time. Whether taking an invalid to a doctor's appointment or bringing a hot meal to someone just home from the hospital, she does it with love and deep commitment. Her life overflows with a sense of gratitude, love, and joy.

Now is the time to Nominate for 2011 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award
For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 11, 2011.

Alumnae CONNECTIONS

R U Connected? Wesleyan alumnae have many opportunities to *Serve and Support* the College while enjoying the benefits of *Sisterhood*.
How can U Connect? Host a local WOW Day in your community with other Wesleyan alumnae volunteers. Serve as an externship hostess and invite a student to shadow you in the workplace. Start an alumnae club in your area. Help to recruit students as an Alumnae Admissions Representative (AAR). Sign-up as an e-Rep and keep your classmates connected. Bring a prospective student to see STUNT during *Welcome to Wesleyan Weekend*. There are many ways to support the college, many ways to help. **Wesleyan needs U.**

Florida

Tallahassee

Area alumnae met at their favorite spot, Jubilee Cottage at Goodwood Plantation and Gardens, for a March luncheon. **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** coordinated plans for the event that featured cookbook author **Louise Futrelle Dodd '49**, who shared stories from her book, *Eating from the White House to the Jailhouse*. Alumnae hostesses also included **Ermine Owenby '61** and **Shari Richardson Arrington '71**. Wesleyan guests included **President Ruth Knox '75**, Susan Allen, senior advancement officer, and **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director.

Georgia

Atlanta

In December, Atlanta Club members enjoyed holiday cheer at the home of **Angela Fulton Kirby '69**, who hosted a *Holiday Wine and Cheese Party*. Wesleyan guest **Millie Parrish Hudson '75**, campaign manager, attended the event. In April, Atlanta Club board member and Alumna Trustee **Mary Catherine "M.C." Collins O'Kelley '72** welcomed members to meet with **President Ruth Knox '75** at a *Spring Luncheon* held at Petite Auberge. Club members participated in a successful WOW (Service) Day at the Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House in May. **Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70** coordinated WOW Day volunteer efforts for the Wesleyan group who celebrated 10 years of community service to the Symphony this year. As a fundraiser benefitting the Atlanta Club Scholarship Fund, members sold Wesleyan memorabilia during Alumnae Weekend Marketplace.

Macon

Fran Callaway McCommon '47 hosted the Macon Club's annual *Holiday Coffee* at her home in December. Macon Young Alumnae were invited to participate in the college's community service WOW Day in January. Macon Alumnae Links and their sophomore students also met for an Alumnae e-Link Reception in Burden Parlor to kick off this year's program. In February, Macon alumnae **Franchetta Trawick '82** and **Carolyn McClinton Woodard '72** joined **Sonya Tomlinson Holland '72** and **Christine Everett '72** in leading a panel discussion celebrating Black History Month in Burden Parlor. Macon alumnae also participated in the Externship Pilot Program in March, serving as externship hostesses. Area alumnae continue to offer local internship opportunities to students.

St. Simons Island / Brunswick

Mary Tappan Garrison '46 hosted the annual *Golden Isles Holiday Coffee* in her home, where Wesleyan guests **Cathy Snow** and **Susan Allen** brought season's greetings and an update on the college to coastal area alumnae and friends. Alumnae hostesses included **Catherine Gibbons Jost '70**, **Pat Glass Thorpe '66**, and Loyalty Fund Chair and Class e-Rep

Coordinator **Carol "Moon" Burt '64**. Moon also coordinated local WOW Day efforts with the Keep Georgia Beautiful Program, where club members will keep designated roads on the island "green and clean" as an on-going community service project. Permanent road signs at maintenance sites will designate Wesleyan College Alumnae Association's role in the project.

Tennessee

Nashville

In June, **Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97** coordinated a Nashville area WOW Day held at the Ronald McDonald House where alumnae cooked lunch for residents. Afterwards, alumnae met for lunch to discuss future volunteer plans. The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA) would like to express our concern for all alumnae in Tennessee areas affected by recent flooding, as well as our hope for a swift recovery process.

Wesleyan Externship Program

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What if students had an opportunity to really define their career path, explore their niche and connect with industry professionals while at Wesleyan? Now they can. Thanks to the newly launched Wesleyan College Externship Program. The program aims to assist students with making informed career decisions by providing an opportunity for them to "shadow" an alumna in their chosen field of interest throughout a typical workday. They may use the experience to learn about an organization's goals, mission and processes, attend meetings or meet with various members of the organization. Most importantly, the externship provides an opportunity for students to observe, ask questions and then apply this information in defining their unique career path.

This year, eight students and alumnae participated in the pilot version of the program which took place for 2-3 days over spring break. Kelly Coquerel shadowed **Katy Bryant '71**, Graphics Account Manager with International Paper, Feiya Zhao shadowed **Lyubena Savova Smith '93**, First Vice President for SunTrust Bank, Mingqian "Daisy" Dong shadowed **Mary Cay White McCullough '93**, Director of the Georgia Children's Museum, and Yiwei Han shadowed **Joy Moten-Thomas '96**, Director of External Affairs at Fort Valley State University.

Thanks to all of the alumnae who volunteered their time and made the pilot program a success. Expect to hear more details about Wesleyan's Externship Program and how you can get involved!

For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:
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1. What's Cooking! (From left) Mary Charles Davis Moses '62, Nancy Owens Suber '62, Hallie Suber Prince '93, and Majel Rees Barrett '47 enjoy the Tallahassee luncheon in March.
2. Tallahassee Hostesses. (From left) Shari Richardson Arrington '71, Ermine Owenby '61, Virginia Barber Perkins '63, and Ruth Knox '75 with guest speaker Louise Futrelle Dodd '49 (center) at Goodwood Plantation.
3. Menus and More. Louise Dodd '49, author, and Bootsie Laslie Brinson '58 "talk shop" in Tallahassee.
4. Lenbrook Ladies. (From left) Jane Mulkey Green '42, Bettijo Hogan Trawick '48 and Carolyn Malone Carpenter '39 have lunch at Lenbrook Square in Atlanta.
5. Atlanta WOW Day Volunteers. (From left) Amanda Blakey Jacobsen '88, Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70, Jeanie Denton Anderson '55 and Wendy Newingham Stanley '90 volunteer at the 40th Annual Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House.
6. Guiding the Way. (From left) Atlanta Symphony Show House Docents Kathy Olson '73 and Babs Richardson Pirkle '68 "meet and greet" visitors.
7. Holiday Hostess. Fran Callaway McCommon '47 receives a Wesleyan purple angel from Cathy Coxey Snow '71, alumnae director, at the Macon Club Holiday Coffee.
8. Celebrating Black History. Three members of Wesleyan's *First Five* African American graduates (From left) Sonya Tomlinson Holland '72, Christine Everett '72, and Carolyn McClinton Woodard '72 join Macon alumna Franchetta Trawick '82 and Natalia Fuller-Reed '10, president of the Black Student Alliance, at Wesleyan.
9. Wesleyan extern Kelly Coquerel '12 gets a hands-on tour of International Paper's "Leader Moulder" in Tucker, GA, during the Externship Pilot Program.
10. Nashville WOW Day Volunteers. Area alumnae prepare lunch for residents at the local Ronald McDonald House.
11. Island Christmas. Golden Isles alumnae enjoy the holiday season on St. Simons Island, GA.
12. Island Friends. (From left) Alumnae hostess Pat Glass Thorpe '66 with Cathy Snow, Susan Allen, and Golden Isles Holiday Coffee hostess Mary Tappan Garrison '46.



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Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Branch Ellis Duncan '40 of Alexandria, VA, on the death of her sister, **Martha Orr Hutcherson '29** of Winder, GA, on January 5, 2010.

Jane Bell Schulte '40 of Tucson, AZ, on the death of her twin sister, **Peggy Bell Watson '40** of Colorado Springs, CO, on March 20, 2009.

Leila Herndon Doney '44 of Jacksonville, FL, on the death of her daughter, **Ellen Bunch Ehrenhard '67** of Newnan, GA, on December 6, 2009.

Lucia "Lucy" Lindsey Smith '44 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, George Smith, on November 3, 2009.

Bess Bledsoe Conley '46 of Tallahassee, FL, on the death of her cousin, **Mary Helen Groover Hicks '48** of Americus, GA, on November 20, 2009.

Mary Nunn Domingos '46 of Macon, on the death of her cousin, **Pauline "Polly" Domingos Lester '45** of Davidson, NC, on April 27, 2010.

Gloria Thornton Orr '47 of Macon, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Martha Orr Hutcherson '29** of Winder, GA, on January 5, 2010.

Anne Halley Marshall '47 of Reynolds, GA, on the death of her youngest son, Pat Marshall, on November 12, 2009.

Lucia Domingos Chapman '48 of Mobile, AL, on the death of her sister, **Pauline "Polly" Domingos Lester '45** of Davidson, NC, on April 27, 2010.

Bettijo Hogan Trawick '48 of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, **Gloria Hogan Thornwell '52** of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, on December 15, 2009.

Wayne Aiken Burdell '49 of Decatur, GA, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Mary Burdell Arapian '40** of Atlanta, on December 4, 2009.

Eugenia Toole Glover '49 of Augusta, GA, on the death of her husband, Mortimer W. Glover III, on February 13, 2009.

Harriet Adams Newton '51 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Dr. Ralph George Newton, Jr., on February 18, 2010.

Neva Jane Langley Fickling '55 of Macon, on the death of her sister-in-law, **Virginia Fickling Monfort '56** of Macon, on January 23, 2010.

Susan Higgins Parry '55 of San Diego, CA, on the death of her husband, John W. Parry, on December 8, 2009.

Helen Horne Sweigert '55 of Alpharetta, GA, on the death of her husband, Milton Sweigert, on September 8, 2009.

Sylvia Vanlandingham Rossiter '57 of Washington, NC, on the death of her mother, Edith Vanlandingham, in January 2010.

Mary Terrell Mitchell '59 of Macon, on the death of her husband, John Thomas "Johnny" Mitchell, Sr., on April 8, 2010.

Jane Stallings Knight '61 of Nashville, GA, on the death of her husband, W.D. "Jack" Knight, Sr., on November 28, 2009.

Lynda Hudson Underwood '61 of Fullerton, CA, on the death of her mother, Coye Hudson, on December 3, 2009.

Jackie Turner Bailey '62 of Austell, GA, on the death of her sister, Colleen Turner Griffin, on December 21, 2009.

Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62 of Statesboro, GA, on the death of her mother, Avis Duane Cheshire Keaton, on January 5, 2010.

Charlotte Jolly Hale '62 of Marietta, GA, on the death of her aunt, **Ruth Ingle Warren '38** of Silver Spring, MD, on May 1, 2010.

Karen Connor Shockley '63 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Fay Luke Connor, on November 28, 2009.

Elizabeth "Sissy" Sims '64 of LaGrange, GA, on the death of her mother, Pearle Dunson Sims (age 102), also of LaGrange, on February 15, 2010.

Peggy Hull Clemens '65 of Wilmington, NC, on the death of her mother, Rubye Hull, on March 30, 2010.

Virginia Warren Haberman '66 of Laurel, MD, on the death of her mother, **Ruth Ingle Warren '38** of Silver Spring, MD, on May 1, 2010.

Suelle Marie Swartz '67 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, **Suelle McKellar Swartz '33** of Roanoke, VA, and Titusville, FL, on May 21, 2010.

Mary Abbott Waite '68 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, **Marynell Sampley Waite '40** of Decatur, GA, on January 28, 2010.

Linda Beyer Giles '70 of Monticello, GA, on the death of her mother, Joyce Stear Beyer, on November 14, 2009.

Cathy Coxey Snow '71 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Mary Constance "Connie" Welsch Coxey Demlow, of Hollywood, FL, on May 2, 2010.

Caron Griffin Morgan '73 of Dunwoody, GA, on the death of her mother, Amanda "Mandy" Fain Griffin of Hawkinsville, GA, on November 14, 2009.

Jo Ann Young Beitz '74 of Macon, on the death of her husband, John G. Beitz, on April 13, 2010.

Jane Williams Tarman '74 of Statesville, NC, on the death of her mother, **Ida Stephens Williams '40** of Lawrenceville, GA, on February 16, 2010.

Nan Maddux '75 of Atlanta, on the death of her father, Thomas Henier Maddux of Eufala, AL, on February 26, 2010.

Lucia Chapman Carr '77 of Macon, on the death of her aunt, **Pauline "Polly" Domingos Lester '45** of Davidson, NC, on April 27, 2010.

Virginia T. Phillips '77 of Macon, on the death of her mother, **Margaret Adams Phillips '40** of Macon, on March 18, 2010.

LuAlice Waite '79 of Palm Bay, FL, on the death of her mother, **Marynell Sampley Waite '40** of Decatur, GA, on January 28, 2010.

Jo Alice Patterson Welton '80 of Lawrenceville, GA, on the death of her father, Judge William Joseph Patterson Jr., on February 26, 2010.

Charlotte NeSmith Watson '85 of Macon, on the death of her grandmother, **Margaret Adams Phillips '40** of Macon, on March 18, 2010.

Terri Henry Parker '88 of Tampa, FL, on the death of her mother, **Nancy Galm Strickland '64** of Jacksonville, FL, on April 12, 2010.

Kari Goellner Kitchens '91 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Katrina "Trina" Goellner Dean '93** of Wake Forest, NC, on April 7, 2010.

Ellen NeSmith '92 of Macon, on the death of her grandmother, **Margaret Adams Phillips '40** of Macon, on March 18, 2010.

Kima Whipple - Jackson '00 of Riverdale, GA, and **Sharon Whipple Underwood '00** of Milledgeville, GA, on the death of Kima's brother and Sharon's son, Damien Whipple, in July 2009.

Laura Tarman '03 of Statesville, NC, on the death of her grandmother, **Ida Stephens Williams '40** of Lawrenceville, GA, on February 16, 2010.

McKinzie Beitz '05 of Macon, on the death of her father, John G. Beitz, on April 13, 2010.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Holly Nichols Jarrell '90 and Chuck of Madison, GA, on the birth of a son, Benjamin Nichols Jarrell, on January 22, 2009. Big sister Olivia (2) is thrilled.

Elizabeth Bockmiller Ceranowski '94 and Ben of Clayton, NC, on the birth of a son, Blaise Manning Ceranowski, on October 4, 2009.

Dora Ward Curry '94 and Mitchell of Conyers, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Joy Estelle Curry, on October 4, 2009. Proud great grandmother is **Lou Matteson Jones '46**.

Sherry Neal '96 and Dan Wright of Atlanta, on the birth of a son, Neal-Thomas Daniel Wright, on November 13, 2009. He joins big sister Latha.

Nartaya Jumpasorn Miller '98 and Ryan of Chula Vista, CA, on the birth of a second son, Grayson Tyler Miller, on November 20, 2009.

Lora Tolley Peppard '98 and Jonathan of Springfield, VA, on the birth of a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth Peppard, on November 27, 2009.

Laura Facey Sullivan '98 and Grant of Harrison, TN, on the birth of a daughter, Jenna Marie Sullivan, on September 28, 2009. Big brother Garrett is delighted.

Dana Karstensen-Bryan '99 and Christopher of Suffolk, VA, on the birth of a son, Christopher "Nolan" Bryan, on March 28, 2010.

Michele Pittman Gellis '00 and David of Kansas City, MO, on the birth of a daughter, Rowan Olivia Gellis, on December 30, 2009.

Farzana Ajani Kassam '01 and Akbar of Suwanee, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Ayva Akbar Kassam, on June 25, 2009.

Dianna Lusk Culbertson '05 and Joshua of Laurens, SC, on the birth of a son, Josiah Edward, on June 13, 2009. Josiah joins big brother Thomas.

Catherine Marie Merschat '06 and Carl of Juliette, GA, on the birth of a son, Simon Andrew Merschat, on February 19, 2010.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Ebony Roberts '02 and Nathan Ferrell, who married on August 29, 2009, at Villa Christina in Atlanta. **Anna Cornelious '04** and **JaVonna Daniels '01** were bridesmaids. They reside in Fairburn, GA.

Jodi Miller '03 and John Hardee IV, who married on June 20, 2009, in Evergreen, CO. They reside in Denver, CO.

Toyosi Fatunase '03 and Chiedu Onwuemene, who were married on May 15, 2010.

Jyoti Danes '05 and Trevyn Coffelt, who married on June 27, 2009, in Pensacola, FL. They reside in Norcross, GA.

Christine Saunders '05 and Mike Forsythe, who married on April 25, 2010. They reside in Smyrna, GA.

In Memoriam

Lucille Gainey Burns died on March 18, 2010, at her home in Rock Hill, S.C. "Miss Gainey," as students will remember her, came to Wesleyan in 1949 as dean of students and instructor of English at Wesleyan Conservatory and School of Fine Arts. She subsequently served as assistant professor of English (1950-52) at Wesleyan College. She was the widow of Henry Knox Burns, a former Wesleyan trustee.



In Memoriam

- 1929 Martha Orr Hutcherson
- 1930 Lillian Williams Darling
- Lorraine Williams Garrett
- Dorothy Adams Gilbert
- 1932 Helen Paulk Murray
- 1933 Arnell Lewis Land
- Mignon Breitenbucher Smith
- Suelle McKellar Swartz
- 1934 Elsie Lowden Maxwell Hambricht
- Rena Winslow Harris
- Doris Disher Larisey
- 1936 Lou Wilkins Orr
- 1937 Martha Olliff Andrews
- 1938 Marian Waxelbaum Kaufman
- Helen Wright Tribble
- Helen Smith Walker
- Ruth Ingle Warren
- Barbara Thomson Wrightson
- 1939 Marguerite Stallings McLeod
- Macie Moore Roberts
- 1940 Mary Burdell Arapian
- Margaret Adams Phillips
- Marynell Sampley Waite
- Peggy Bell Watson
- Ida Stephens Williams
- 1941 Merritt Bell Hertwig
- 1942 Priscilla Lobeck Maynard
- Rita Santry McGill
- 1943 Muriel Beavers Dabney
- Sarah Ann White
- 1944 Mary Frances Robertson Marlin
- Martha Weaver McKenzie
- 1945 Sara Griffin James
- Pauline Domingos Lester
- 1946 Clifton "Dot" Wight Quinly
- Minnette Cavanagh Smith
- 1947 Lois Wheeler Eschen
- Virginia Busk Smith
- 1948 Mary Helen Groover Hicks
- Sarah Ann Bridgers Johnson
- Rosemary Bounds Reynolds
- Ruth Nesbitt Proctor
- 1949 Roslyn Atkinson Harden
- Gloria Kelley Richardson
- 1950 Lidia Rosa Soto Walters
- 1952 Joann Hodge Beddow
- Gloria Hogan Thornwell
- 1954 Nell Warren Hicks
- Jean Malone Seegmueller
- 1956 Virginia Fickling Monfort
- Filomena Tambuatco Mullis
- 1957 Shirley Rose Smith
- 1958 Sally Tanner Farmer Lies
- Nancy Smith Schaefer
- 1963 Marsha Tankersley Tucker
- 1964 Nancy Galm Strickland
- 1965 Mary Darlington Black Lawter (HON)
- Linda Kay Waldrep Wilkinson
- 1967 Ellen Bunch Ehrenhard
- 1968 Mercedes Norris Youmans
- 1970 Janice Ridgway Brennehan
- 1972 Martha Jones Mercure
- 1993 Katrina "Trina" Goellner Dean
- 1995 Traci Lynn Freeman
- 2010 Katherine Paige Hayes-Hatton



Class of 1945 (65th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Dorothy "Dot" Wilkin Repass, Ann Poitevint Withers **Row 2:** Mary Brown Malone Heritage, Mary Standifer Meadors **Row 3:** Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge.

1920s

"Mary Lester Brooks '29 and I had a wonderful time at the Golden Belles Luncheon," writes **Annie Mays Larmore '28**. "God continue to bless Wesleyan."

1930s

"I had my 97th birthday in June, gave up driving at 95, but still swim laps everyday," writes **Charmian Stuart Thomson '34** from Omaha, NE. "I learned to swim as a freshman at Wesleyan."

"With love and appreciation for all Wesleyan means to many Gadsden County girls and all," proclaims **Julia Munroe Woodward '34** of Quincy, FL.

"I am now 91 years old and my husband, J. Harry is 94," reports **Rubye Devereux Winters '37** from Toccoa, GA. "Our anniversary was March 22, 2010, and we celebrated 68 happy, blessed years of marriage."

Dorothy Wink Bolding '38 lives in Daytona Beach, FL, and still plays golf two to three times a week - but only nine holes. "I have three children, six grandchildren, and four and 1/2 great grands! I'd love to hear from any of my classmates!"

"I can no longer drive due to macular degeneration, so I have given my car to our number four grandson who will be 16 in May," writes **Dottie Dupuis Mackin '38**. "He is thrilled! We all enjoy our four great grandchildren. What a happy Easter egg hunt this year, nineteen of us! I'm always in charge of it - a good thing - because at 93 I would have trouble keeping up with them!"

"I still enjoy life in independent living at my retirement center," comments **Bernardine "Bunny" Smith Thomas '38**. "I'm in excellent health for my 93 years. Still enjoy news of Wesleyan and all the good things I see happening there."

"I celebrated my 93rd birthday last August and I wonder about my classmates," writes **Anne Brooks Bazemore '39** from Tennille, GA. "Where are they? What are they doing? I still drive and keep busy with church activities, five clubs, playing bridge, and ten grandchildren!"

1940s

Congratulations to **Jessie Jones Whittemore '40** who celebrated her 63rd wedding anniversary with her dear husband, John, on December 3, 2009. They live in Decatur, GA.

Congratulations to **Emily Cottingham Stuart '41** and husband Rob of Blacksburg, VA, who celebrated their 63rd anniversary. "I've retired from directing the YMCA at Virginia Tech for 17 years. Last summer four of my former students and their spouses came for a week reunion; we had a great time! The 'Wanted' cover on the summer 2009 *Wesleyan Magazine* is the most powerful ever! My two years at Wesleyan gave me a great start for a great life. So it is a joy for me to see Wesleyan attracting and building leaders for this troubled 21st century. More power to you!"

Betty Anderson Farkas '42 shares condo living in downtown Tallahassee,

FL, with her daughter, **Tina Farkas Williams '74**, and Tina's husband, John. Betty's granddaughter and New York City actress, Elizabeth "Worth" Hollingsworth Williams, married in May in Palm Springs, CA.

"Thank you for sending the list of members of the class of '42 and especially for including names of several who left before graduation," writes **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** from Rochester, NY. "I've kept in touch with classmates **Bettye Withers Barnes** and **Virginia Broome Waterer**, who left at the end of sophomore year."

Atlanta resident **Lucia "Lucy" Lindsey Smith '44** enjoyed visiting with Wesleyan friends at the scholarship luncheon held on campus in March. Sadly, Lucy's husband of 67 years, George, died on November 3, 2009, from pneumonia. (See *Sympathy*.)

▲ 1945 (65th Reunion)

Celebrating 65 years of being "forever friends," Pirates came home to port with **Ann Poitevint Withers** and **Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge** at the helm of their ship. **Virginia Harris Howard** served as class liaison. "See you at the hotel" served as a call to attend the class party, where classmates enjoyed reminiscing and "catching up" on the latest news.

"I'm well and happy and still working," reports **Dr. Mary Brown Malone Heritage '45**. "I enjoyed attending the 65th reunion in April!"

Virginia "Ginny" Martin Lawrence '45 and husband still spend summers at their cottage in Michigan.

"Our activities include singing in a 45-voice church choir, civic and social groups. We have given up international travel and are looking forward to our oldest granddaughter's wedding this summer," writes Ginny.

"Such a void in my life," mourns **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** "with the loss of my two Sarahs; my sister, **Sarah Webb Bryan '41**, and classmate **Sara Griffin James '45**. (See *In Memoriam*.)

Congratulations to **Bettye Milton Paden '45** of Hendersonville, NC, on the birth of her second great grandchild, Amelia Elizabeth "Mea" Wright. "I still paint and love what I do," writes Bettye, who was honored to receive the "Artist of the Year" award at the Art League Christmas Luncheon.

Congratulations to new great grandmother **Lou Matteson Jones '46**. "My granddaughter, **Dora Ward Curry '94**, had a future Wesleyanne (Oct. '09) named 'Joy' for her grandmother. Surely she will come to Wesleyan!" (See *Births*.)

"Guyton and I enjoy watching our three great grandchildren run and play while we sit and rock," writes **Jane Kollock McCall '46**. "I hope we can have a good turnout for our 65th reunion in 2011."

From her new home in Gray, GA, **Betty Howell Traver '46** writes that **Adelaide Wallace Ponder '46** attended her farewell-to-Greensboro (GA) luncheon when she moved to be nearer to caring cousins. "Occasionally I see **Alice Childs Golston '45** when she visits Stone Brooke, my assisted living facility. I still drive in Atlanta, but not in Macon - too many changes since 1944."

Class of 1950 (60th reunion)

PURPLE KNIGHT PRIDE. **Charlotte Gaines '50** proudly holds the 1950 flag as she represents her class at Alumnae Weekend. "The Alumnae Office has done such a beyond wonderful job for all of us alumnae and we are grateful to you and for you." I will continue to represent my class as long as I'm able," writes Charlotte. Charlotte served as reunion chair this year and enjoyed having classmate **Jo Ann Russell Campbell** join her for part of the weekend. Jo Ann served as class liaison. Although Charlotte and Jo Ann missed seeing other classmates at reunion they still felt that wonderful PK spirit surround them from afar.



Nina Bishop Andrews '47 of Decatur, GA, is proud of her three grandsons - David, Michael and Stephen. "All are 6'5" or taller and all are Eagle Scouts!"

In August '09, **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47** and a high school friend traveled to Russia for a river cruise. While there Anne broke her pelvis and had a nine day hospital stay in St. Petersburg. Fortunately her travel insurance included medical evacuation. "I was flown home in a small plane with two nurses, by several pilots - thirty hours from St. Petersburg to Asheville, NC. What an experience! I'm well now," writes Anne.

"I loved getting the list of current addresses of classmates," says **Frances Oehmig Collins '47**. "Many thanks."

"I do enjoy being on campus often for the many music and art shows," writes Maconite **Corky Dessau Holliday '48**. "I appreciate the Alumnae Office being so helpful in many ways."

From Culloden, GA, **Roberta Sullivan Pierson '48** writes, "I have ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren from five sons. My husband, Jeff, died January 5, 2006."

Louise Futrelle Dodd '49 is proud of her daughter and son-in-law, Carol Dodd Porter and DuBose Porter from Dublin, GA, who are both running for state office - Carol for Lieutenant Governor and DuBose for Governor. This is the first time in history that a husband and wife have run for the top offices. The Porters, who have four sons, have been featured on CNN and Fox, and in *The New York Times*, *San*

Francisco Chronicle, *The Washington Post* and other national media. Carol studied studio art at Wesleyan. Both candidates are passionate about education as their major focus.

In February, Macon artist **Marianne Wooten Dunn '49** joined artists from all over the southeast in exhibiting work at "The Plein Air" Exhibit held at The Gallery at Paper Mill Village in Marietta, GA.

"**Roslyn Atkinson Harden '49** will be greatly missed," writes **Mimi Roads Griffith '49**. "Roslyn set a wonderful example for her classmates. She personified the spirit of the Wesleyan woman." (See *In Memoriam*.)

From Oxford, GA, **Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** remembers, "those of us who attended the beautiful memorial service for **Roslyn Atkinson Harden '49** were reminded of the strong bond of friendship that exists in our class."

From Augusta, GA, **Eugenia Toole Glover '49** reports that her husband, Mortimer W. Glover III, died on February 13, 2009. "Mort's father was Rector of Christ Church, Macon, when Mort was a small boy." (See *Sympathy*.)

Carnesville, GA, resident **Wilhelmenia Taylor Nesbit '49** enjoyed her 60th reunion (April '09) very much!

Libba Cook Smith '49 has retired from the local chamber of commerce staff but stays busy with garden club, Senior Choir, DAR, Sunday School, and family activities. "I have 19 grandchildren, counting the 'greats.'"

Martha Barrett Woodard '49 had the trip of a lifetime! "My daughter and

I went on a summer vacation to the Baltic Sea area. We traveled by cruise ship to Finland, Estonia, Sweden, and Russia, and returned to Copenhagen!"

▲ 1950 (60th Reunion)

Our thanks to Reunion Chair **Charlotte Gaines**, and Class Liaison **Jo Ann Russell Campbell** who made plans for their 60th reunion, although they knew that this year many classmates might be celebrating with them from afar. Phone calls and letters from Charlotte and Jo Ann kept PK 1950 classmates connected all year long, as they shared Wesleyan news with long-time friends.

Pat Pope Chilton '50 writes from Marietta, GA, "My husband, Warren (Red) Chilton, whom I met while I was a student at Wesleyan, died Sept. 10, 2009, of lung cancer. At the time of his brief illness he was still active as a commercial realtor."

"I graduated in 1950 from the Conservatory and I have many happy memories of my time at Wesleyan," reminisces **Peggy Wells MacLeod '50** from Nashville, TN. "I roomed with **Dana Bedgood MacMillan '50** and **Nancy Gaillard Cobb '50**."

"Cleon and I have moved to Carlyle Place in Macon," reports **Betty Smith Moore '50**. "We sold our condo which we've enjoyed since 2000. I have three great grandchildren by my only son, Chan White, and his wife, Anna."

"I am lucky to still be teaching in adult literacy, furlough days and all," writes **Martha Ann Wood Robertson '50** from Rocky Face, GA. "I recently

had cataract surgery on both eyes and the doctors said it went well. Nobody promised that I would regain twenty-year-old eyes, but I expected it. I was wrong."

Jean Logan Russell '50 was sorry to miss Alumnae Weekend and her Purple Knight classmates. "I'm fine, living in this great community of St. Simons Island, GA, near the beach. We have a great Wesleyan group here."

In January, **Jane "Smitty" Schmidt Catlin '51** of Fort Lauderdale, FL, enjoyed a week long visit from **Virginia Mackay Larson '51**, who lives in Chicago.

LaVonne "Mina" Collins Jolley '51 is a real estate agent with Lookout Mountain Real Estate (NW Georgia mountains near Cloudland). She's involved with the Chattanooga Area Historical Association as past president and current journal editor. She's also in many national genealogical organizations.

From Redlands, CA, **Leon Moburg '51** reports, "Well, not much to write about at age 82 - just keeping busy and using up days at the gym!"

"Nothing new really," writes **Beverly Harvey Hartman '52**. "I moved back home in June '07 to live with my sister (89) and who doesn't see well - but is in good health. At 78, I give out before she does! We attend Jakin United Methodist Church. My children don't live too far away. Wish I could do more for Wesleyan."

"I've been living with my daughter, Diane, in McDonough, GA, for almost two years," reports **Mary Eva "Peg"**



Class of 1955 (55th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Gayle Attaway Findlay, Joyce Reddick Schafer, Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards **Row 2:** Anne Shearouse Smith, Sara Stuart Seaborn, Jeanie Denton Anderson, Dorothy "Dot" Smith Yandle, Helen Horne Sweigert, Pauline Mann Brennan **Row 3:** Mary Webb Lockhart, Liz Wilson Lowry, Libby Truitt Furlow, Betty Upchurch Hasty, Gerda Paul Erickson, Harriett Wadsworth Ragland **Row 4:** Phyllis Clough Davis, Thyrsa White McClure, Judy Fuller Johnson, Susan Higgins Parry, Barbara Brown Dean, Mary Laslie Grodner, Frances Moulthrop Gordon.

Bryan DuBose '52. "I enjoy making new friends and being involved in my church and community. I've become quite a political activist. How about you?"

"I'm looking forward to returning to my summer home in Augusta, GA," writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52** from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. "My Wesleyan friends, **Artie Dennis Thevaos '52**, **Eugenia Toole Glover '49**, **Bill Toole '49** and I enjoy good times - all of us are very active in the music world. I still keep in touch with my roomies, **Nancy Lou Marks '52** and **Marilyn Greene Schneider '52.**"

According to **Madge Hill Sidwell '53** in Hoover, AL, "All is well, thanks to stents and cardio rehab. We are all so busy worrying about cancer that we forget about our hearts!"

"I still live in Duluth, GA, where I have lived all of my life," says **Kathy Parsons Willis '53.** "I have six grandchildren and still work full time in the family store, Parsons, in Cumming and Alpharetta, GA."

Jacquelyn "Jackie" Burton Cook '54 writes, "My 13th book, *The Greenwood Legacy*, has just been released. It's an inspirational, historical novel based on the true story of the Thomas Jones Family who built Greenwood in Thomasville, GA."

"My husband, George, had a slight stroke in August '08," says **Dolores "Dolo" English Davidson '54.** "We decided to move to Kalamazoo, MI, to be near our oldest son and his family. I look forward to being near the grandchildren."

It was a small Wesleyan world when **Nan Miller Freeman '54** of Sparta, GA, and **Amelia Halley '66** of Reynolds, GA, met each other at a birthday party and found out that they had another Wesleyanne in common - **Elaine Hallay Findlay '54**, who was Amelia's cousin and Nan's close friend. Elaine died (April '08) in Charleston, SC, four years after suffering a stroke in Ponte Vedra, FL.

"I stay busy with other (mostly) widowed friends," reports **Ruth Forehand Miller '54** from Dawson, GA. **Donnie Donaldson Porter '54** and I stay in touch. I play bridge - keeps the mind working!"

"The 55th reunion was great!" says **Leah Wallat Odden '54.** "It was so good to renew acquaintances and to see how the campus has grown and still remains beautiful."

"I wanted to be at our reunion but it was not possible," writes **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54.** "Joe is under the care of Hospice Savannah at our home with children and grandchildren close by. How blessed we are to have them. We ask for your prayers."

"I wish that males (men and boys) could be admitted to Wesleyan to get enough credits to be accredited as teachers - to teach math and science to children and young people in Georgia or anywhere," writes **Louise Stearns White '54** from Decatur, GA.

A 1955 (55th Reunion)

55'ers know that best friends have hearts of gold. Reunion Chair **Joyce Reddick Schafer** led committee members **Pauline Mann Brennan**, **Betty Upchurch Hasty** (GH e-Rep), and **Frances Moulthrop Gordon** in planning for a fabulous 55th, where Golden Heart spirit ran rampant all weekend long, especially at two class parties hosted by **Joyce Schafer** and **Neva Jane Langley Fickling**. The oh-so-golden memories continued at the annual meeting where **Gayle Attaway Findlay** received a 2010 alumnae award. **Mary Laslie Grodner** served as class liaison.

Barbara Brown Dean '55 is the 2010 president of Dodge County Republican Women (charter year). She also serves on the 2010 Friends of Music Advisory Board of the Townsend School of Music at Mercer University.

"I love my senior residence," reports **Gerda Paul Erickson '55** from Plymouth, MN. "I'm in my third year there."

"I have 19 grandchildren by four of my five children," says **Frances Moulthrop Gordon '55.** "All five of my children are involved in the ministry, either as ministers or missionaries. My husband is retired but still cares for an orange grove. I still teach piano!"

"I had a wonderful time at our 55th reunion," reports **Liz Wilson Lowry '55** from Glen Allen, VA. "George and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our children and grandchildren in June '09."

Sympathy to **Helen Horne Sweigert '55** of Alpharetta, GA, who writes, "My husband, Milton Sweigert, passed away Sept. 8, 2009, after 27 years of Parkinson's Disease. It was very comforting to see **Cynthia Coleman Scott '55** and **Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards '55** at his memorial service." (See *Sympathy*.)

Lucy Neeley Adams '56 of Lake Junaluska, NC, continues to write stories of hymns and healing. "Four newspapers print them and they are also available at Crosswalk.com. It is a great joy to spread God's blessings," says Lucy.

It's a small Wesleyan world! Last November, **Lloyd Young Flanders '56** of Darien, GA, traveled to South Africa for a 19-day trip and found out that **Carla DuBose Kalec '57** was on the same trip!

Julie Adams Hawk '57 met with classmates **Nan McClellan Flowers**, **Peggy Miller Nelson**, **Jean Middlebrooks Morris**, and **Nancy Howard** last spring at Alumnae Weekend for a grand visit! "Nancy is busy planning our 'double nickel' reunion in 2012. It'll be here before you know it! Put the date on your calendar now!" says Julie.

Carla DuBose Kalec '57 had an unexpected layover on her 19-day trip to South Africa. While in Cape Town, Carla broke her leg and was unable to fly home. **Lloyd Young Flanders '56** was also on the trip and promised to share news of Carla's accident with her classmates and with Carla's cousin, **Jo Copeland Chapple '56.**

Class of 1960 (50th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Mary Amerson Willingham Burt, Louise Williams Chapin, Winifred "Winkie" Nesbit Game, Carol Inman Heyward, Barbara Betts Tuck, Sylvia Wyllys Boone, Ginger Sumerford York, Eleanor Laslie Griffin, Sue McNatt Best, Louise "Lou" Somers Davidson, Polly Pollard Houghland
Row 2: Virginia Whitehead Smith, Giulia LaCagnina Saucier, Mary Alice Moore English, Nancy Leeger Cloutier, Charlise Mallory Black, Tena Roberts, Kay Carroll Barnes, Ann Lavender Faulk, Carolyn Wray Calvert, Eleanor Best Mauldin, Marcilla Jacobs Heath
Row 3: Mary Pickens Dickson, Anna "Nancy" Reeder Akins, Katie Stickley Watson, Molly Mallory Wilkes, Gloria Boyette, Lydia Jordan Hickam, Meredith Young Rogers, Carol Ann Page Lane
Row 4: Victoria Wilson Logue, Betsy Palmer Smith, Jackie Davis Richardson, Gwyn Brown Chesnut, Peggy Pearce Svoboda, Patty Shriver Mancuso, Karen Widdowson Hunt, Julie Singletary Coleman, Emily "Toots" Childres Mims
Row 5: Dale Odum Barrow, Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill, Dee Bray Joiner, Martha Bell Lewis, Barbara Williams Karski, Dorris Manning, Carol Sibley Wideman, Carol Clay LaPides. **Not pictured:** Helen Cannon, Anne Holderfield Ficken, Mary Young Padula.



We send condolences to **Sylvia Vanlandingham Rossiter '57** of Washington, NC, on the death of her mother, Edith, in January 2010. "Mother always loved Wesleyan. She would have been 99 in February 2010." (See *Sympathy*.)

"In January I had total knee joint replacement," reports **Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58** from Round Rock, TX. "Physical therapy is a killer but I'm progressing well! I still think of how wonderful it was to be at my 50th reunion two years ago."

Medra Lott Keyser '58 is a new great grandmother! "Ryder James Arnold was born July 22, 2009, to my grandson Jacob Arnold and Megan in Park City, Utah. Jacob is the son of my daughter, **Laura Wallace Arnold '79** and Jim, also of Park City.

Joan Nachbaur Rathbun '58 is enjoying life, work, good health, and four grandchildren. She works part time at her church and loves to travel with friends. "Fond memories 'pop up' of Wesleyan such as skits and the Purple Knights."

In May 2010, **Gloria Barwick Szokoly '58** was cast as "Miss Daisy" in the Cumming Playhouse's production of *Driving Miss Daisy* in Forsyth County, GA.

After more than 30 years in the Orlando, FL, area, **Ann Lee Alley Earnshaw '59** is moving back to the Jacksonville, FL, area where she went to high school.

"Reunion was so great," writes **Harriett Johnson Bell '59** from Greenville, SC. "I thought we were young again! The campus has certainly changed."

▲ 1960 (50th Reunion)

Fifty for the 50th — how about 53! With one of the largest ever turnouts for a 50th reunion, the Great GKs of 1960 definitely have bragging rights. Classmates returned for the "wearing of the green" — boas that is, and led the stylish Parade of Classes with Grand Marshals **Tena Roberts, Betsy Palmer Smith, Victoria Wilson Logue**, and **Taylor Bishop**, GK Class of 2012 mascot and class flag bearer, leading the way. Kudos to Reunion Chair **Tena Roberts**, who planned for a spectacular 50th and welcomed GKs back to campus along with committee members **Martha Bell Lewis, Victoria Logue, Jackie Davis Richardson, Betsy Smith** (the Great GK e-Rep), **Sylvia Wyllys Boone, Mary Amerson Burt**, and Class Liaison **Gloria Boyette**. Classmates were proud of **Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill** who received a 2010 alumnae award, and of their class gift (\$75,000 +) to dedicate the lobby in the Munroe Science Center. The newest Golden Belles partied hard at class gatherings hosted by Sylvia and Mary. Betsy made sure that the GK50 spirit was captured forever on a special reunion CD.

"We have a new great granddaughter," reports **Sandra Dew Graves '60** from Ooltewah, TN. "How can this be when we're still so young? Maybe she's a future Wesleyanne!"

Eleanor "Ecky" Laslie Griffin '60 of Deland, FL, represented Wesleyan at the presidential inauguration held at Stetson College in March 2010.

Doris Manning '60 had surgery for ovarian cancer in August '09 and started chemotherapy in October. She expected to attend her 50th reunion in April 2010, and she did!

In 2005 after the 45th reunion, the reunion committee set a goal of having fifty classmates attending the 50th reunion. We're excited to have met that goal," says **Jackie Davis Richardson '60**. "Since retiring as a secondary school administrator in 1994, I've had a number of jobs but none have been as much fun as a full time educator. One of my proudest moments was being the recipient of two yearbook dedications. David, an architect, and I have been married for 47 years and have two married daughters, Eden Clark and Kelley Hester. Eden is a media and computer specialist in the Atlanta area schools. Kelley is the women's golf coach at the University of Georgia and has a three-year-old daughter."

Dr. Giulia LaCagnina Saucier '60 writes, "Fifty years ago I joined the GKs for a year then earned a B.A. at Florida State University, an M.A.T. at Smith College, and a Ph.D. at University of Southern Mississippi. As a teacher and educational administrator I worked in Italy and Greece, as well as in public and private schools in the South. I'm retired from teaching history and French and have settled down in Hattiesburg, MS, with my husband, Gene, on our tree farm. My first book, a memoir, *Missed Generation* has been published and I am working on a second, *The Making of a Mississippian*. I also enjoy quilting, reading, entertaining friends, and writing."

"I am a retired ordained United Methodist minister," says **Molly Mallory Wilkes '60** of Landrum, SC. "Ministry was a second career. Before that I was an educator, counselor, and women's center director in technical colleges in SC. My husband is also a retired UMC minister. We have three grown children and 11 grandchildren. Attending the 50th reunion at Wesleyan was a highlight. I transferred to Emory after two years but my deep friendships at Wesleyan helped form who I am today. Being reconnected after all those years brought back happy memories and deep gratitude." Molly also has a **WESLEYAN FIRST!** She was the first woman to serve as the pastor (United Methodist) in three churches in South Carolina.

Dr. Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York '60 has a **WESLEYAN FIRST**, as the first woman lay speaker at Tullahoma United Methodist Church! She is also the author of *The Gene Summerford Place*, memories of childhood on a farm near Americus, GA.

We send condolences to **Jane Stallings Knight '61**, on the death of her husband, W.D. (Jack) Knight, on November 28, 2009. "We had been married since August 1960. I returned to Wesleyan to complete my senior year. I retired from teaching in 1995." (See *Sympathy*.)

"Having well-spoken students contact alumnae is important. I enjoyed speaking with the senior chemistry major from Nepal, **Ankit Pokhrel '10**" reports **Muriel Decker Mortensen '61** from LaJolla, CA.



Class of 1965 (45th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Hilda Wright, Ruth Philpot Compton, Olivia Lopez Hartenstein, Glennnda Kingry Elliott, Joanna Looney Reynolds, Sally Eisen Miller, Lea Mann Sealy **Row 2:** Nedra Martin Malone, Ginny Mason, Jean Webb Tippins, Sharon Smith Pizzo, Trudie Parker Sessions, Carolyn Martin McCrea **Row 3:** Casey Thurman, Helen Kendall Elder, Susan Leonard, Norma Tinnell Wolff, Brenda Freeman Manucy, Susan Cobb Middlebrooks **Row 4:** Gail Whittle, Lynda Jones, Nancy Middleton Lucia, Julia Stancil Stepp, Mildred Eschmann Spear, Lynda Worley Hamilton.

"I enjoy my retirement, golfing, traveling, etc.," writes **Sally Ann Husted Shuford '61**. "I've enjoyed a few games with **Linda Vogel Pfleger '61**, my Wesleyan roommate. I also shared a flight to Belgium with **Cora Ann Ware Wells '61** on our way to a river cruise in Amsterdam. It's such fun enjoying old friends."

Nancy Bowden Wiley '61 stays very busy volunteering at her church and at a senior citizens center. In May, Nancy and a friend spent two weeks in California celebrating being seventy!

Congratulations to Stone Mountain, GA, residents Robert and **Peggy McKinney Youngblood '61** who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2010 with their children, Elizabeth, Jill, and Robert, and seven grandchildren, Johnson (18), Anna (17), Sarah (16), Robert (15), Laura (14), Joy (12) and Meg (7). "Holidays and every day are very special for the Youngblood-Boswell family!"

"I'm enjoying singing with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus again this season, which included a third trip to Berlin for the chorus to sing with the Berlin Philharmonic," reports **Ellen Weldon Dukes '62**. "We went in December and sang three performances of the Brahms German Requiem, with very good reviews that even complimented our German! A side benefit was the opportunity to take in Berlin's Christmas markets."

"My third granddaughter was born on Valentine's Day, says **Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62** of Statesboro, GA. "She was named Avis for my mother who died at age 95 in January.

Avis is my little Yankee (or displaced Southerner), living in New York City, NY." (See *Sympathy*.)

"It was a great pleasure to see my Wesleyan roommate, **Dottie Rhoden Hicks** and our suitemates, **Rhoda Morrison Joyner** and **Charlotte Jolly Hale** in February," writes **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** from Littleton, CO. "A special delight was our short visit with Dottie's mother."

"2009 was a year of change for our son, Erik, and his family," writes **LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver '62**. "His second son, Simon, was born February 3, his book was published in September (*Cornerstone and Grove: A Portrait in Architecture and Landscape of Emory's Birthplace in Oxford, Georgia*), and he has a new job with Georgia Tech Research Institute."

Congratulations to Bob and **Sarah Calhoun Savage '62** of Fort Wayne, IN, on the births of two more grandchildren, Anna Kim Savage (April '09) in Saratoga, CA, and Peter Chwialkowski Calhoun Savage, (January '10) in Arlington, VA.

Mary Goss Hughes '63 writes, "I'm a member of the board of Directors for the St. Louis Parkinson's Disease Association. My son, John, married Shirley Richter in Santa Monica, CA. **Elizabeth "Bitsy" Wingfield Dick '63** and **Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61** attended the wedding.

Rebecca "Becky" Bullard Powers '63 of Shreveport, LA, represented Wesleyan at the presidential inauguration at Centenary College in April. New President David Rowe was a former vice president for advancement at Wesleyan.

▲ 1965 (45th Reunion)

"Yes, it really was our 45th reunion and yes, our favorite color is still red!" according to Tri-Ks of '65 who enjoyed returning to campus to celebrate good times with good friends thanks to Reunion Chair **Glennnda Kingry Elliott**, who planned for a festive 45th with all the trimmings and hosted a class party at her home. Alumnae Weekend Decorations Chair **Nedra Martin Malone** also waved her creative wand to make reunion events so special, while **Jane Johnson Butler** and **Lynda Jones** enjoyed calling classmates about reunion. Pirate pride was showing when Class Liaison **Sharon Smith Pizzo** received a 2010 alumnae award. With 45 years now behind them, classmates are getting geared up for the BIG 50!

Judy Joseph Chalhub '65 is blessed with her four children and six grandchildren: Amy and Mark George and their children, Marky and Lorie, live in Cleveland, OH; Jennifer and Mark Brown and their daughter, Grace, live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL; Christy and Jason Roberts and their children, Eli and Sarah, live in Charleston, SC, and Jimmy and Gina Chalhub and their son, Xavier, are in Marshfield, MA.

Jim and **Ruth "Ruthie" Philpot Compton '65** continue to enjoy retirement with time to volunteer, travel, play bridge and read. "Our three-year-old, Sam, is a delight and we are looking forward to another grandbaby in October."

According to **Betsy Harmon Godbold '65** of Tierra Verde, FL, "life is still good at age 66."

"After two years at Wesleyan I went to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where I got my B.A. degree and then went on to the University of Michigan for a M.S.W.," reports **Virginia "Ginger" Tribble Koster '65**. "As a social worker, I worked with the mentally ill and taught at EMU. I'm blessed with a husband, two children, and four grandchildren. Come see me in Ann Arbor, MI."

"As we grow older, the friendships we made in our younger years become even more valuable and so it is with me," says **Katherine Champion Smelley '65** of Savannah, GA. "The Class of '65 friends made at Wesleyan more than 45 years ago are among the most lasting — **Linda Segler Reynolds**, **Meredith Parsons Sams**, **Suzanne Letson Scarbrough**, **Sally Bone Fay**, **Beverly Cross Hall**, **Ellen Heim**, **Janice Parks Mahoney**, **Carole Jones Graham** and, most especially, my husband, Phil."

"I started year #44 this fall teaching English in the Scholars Academy, part of the Thomasville (GA) City System," writes **Lynn Ramsey Stowers '65**. "I'm working part time and love my classes and my work."

Congratulations to **Beth Childs Brooks '66** in Douglas, GA, on the birth of her granddaughter, Evelyn Catherine (Eva) Buffington, on November 4, 2009, in Columbus, GA. Parents Lunday and Kevin Buffington, big brother Brooks (6), and big sister Lillie (3) are excited, too.

Kathryn "Kay" Stripling Byer '66 published a collaborative book of poems, *Aretha's Hat: Inauguration*

Class of 1970 (40th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Barbara Roland Colwell, Susan Woodward Walker, Jane Thompson, Brenda Witham McGinn, Diane Dennington Abdi, Linda Goulding Camp, Jan Bull Simpson **Row 2:** Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal, Mary Ella Gibson Bernard, Carolyn Wills Garrard, Susan Reynolds Gregory, Linda Beyer Giles, Ellen Fling Danner, Kathy Arnold Hale, Cacia Morris Orser **Row 3:** Arlyn Mathews Hawley, B.J. Molpus Posey, Shirley McFadden, Ann Scott Terry, Debbie Giugni McMillan, Anne Harden Murphy **Row 4:** Pat Grogan Borders, Cassie Poulos, Emily Chase Cook, Sally Shingler Kurrie, Chris VonLehe Burns, Sue Woodrow Rankin, Linda Lavender Baumann.

Not Pictured: Lynn Lamberton Long, Carol Crow Lineberger



Day 2009 with Oregon poet Penelope Scambly Schott. Kay's term as NC's first woman poet laureate ended in January 2010.

"I retired from teaching a second time in 2005 - after 34 years of teaching Honors and AP history courses," says **Julianne Bray Earwood '66** of Dallas, GA. "I received a Goethe Grant in 2000 to study German history/politics in various German cities."

Ed and **Cile Adams Mathews '66** have a second granddaughter (born July 13, 2009) named Eva McClain Mathews, after two of her great great grandmothers. Cile loves keeping Eva one day a week.

Pam Wynne Fellers '67 continues to write and market her book, *The Invisible Bond*, poetic verses that track women's lives from childhood to older times. The book also focuses on bonds women share with each other. For more info, go to pamfellers.com.

Janie Hudson Williams '67 and her Golden Heart '67 roommates/suitemates **Flora Phillips Grindstaff**, **Anne Telford Parr**, and **Jean Widney Wynn** will be traveling together in June to celebrate their significant 65th birthdays in 2010!

"Life is very good and is very busy for the Burgins," says **Helen Jackson Burgin '68** of Columbus, GA. She and husband Charles have five grandchildren under the age of five! Her mother, **Helen Lovein Jackson '41**, is also doing well and still lives in her own home. Helen, all of her grandchildren, as well as her mother, all live within four blocks of each other.

Patricia "Patty" Pearce Cardin '68 of Columbus, GA, represented Wesleyan College as a delegate to the presidential inauguration held at LaGrange College in April.

In July '09, **Lou Ellen "Lou" Semler Boyes '69** took an inspiring trip to the Galapagos Islands. Lou loved reconnecting with Wesleyan friends at reunion. "Keep e-mailing!"

"What a terrific reunion we had!" writes **Nancy Greer '69**. "And, thanks to the photographer who caught **Libba Sorrells '69**, **Sally Kohlbacher Oliver '69** and me, rocking the afternoon away on the porch!"

Pat Ondo Snyder '69 started the first Ohio chapter of The Transition Network (www.thetransitionnetwork.org) and recommends it to other "over 50" professional women. "I'm busy speaking on life balance in connection with the release of my first book *The Dog at My Planner: Tales and tips from an overbooked life*. See details at www.PatSnyderOnline.com.

▲ 1970 (40th Reunion)

PK 1970 class spirit is alive and well! After coloring the world purple for 40 years, Reunion Chairs **Diane Dennington Abdi** and **Brenda Witham McGinn** invited classmates to take part in a reunion celebration of friendship. Alumnae Association President **Susan Woodward Walker** also greeted "spirited" classmates at the annual meeting, where **Lynn Lamberton Long** received a 2010 alumnae award and **Jan Bull Simpson** served as class

liaison. Class e-Rep **Emily Chase Cook** kept PKs connected all year long and also hosted a class party at her home. **Diane** wowed the crowd with her musical performance at the Friday night concert, and even wrote a song for classmates, "Forever Friends," inspired by the weekend's special theme.

"I enjoy various composing projects and especially the upcoming premier of 'The Ruth Bell Graham Choral Project' (by the Big Chicken Chorus, The GA Festival Chorus and Wesleyan College)," says **Diane Dennington Abdi '70**. "My recent divorce resulted in this new career, which also happens to be my passion. I have six beautiful grandchildren, my daughter is in NW Arkansas, and two eligible sons close by. **Brenda Witham McGinn '70** and I enjoyed preparing for our class's 40th reunion!"

Linda Lavender Baumann '70 writes, "My oldest daughter, Kim, has a 4-year-old daughter, Alexandra Maeryn, and my youngest daughter, Kris, has 13-month-old twins, Trip and Savannah."

"Every time I come to reunion I remember something from the years I enjoyed so much," says **Chris "Germ" VonLehe Burns '70**. "How much better it would be if all of you would come and let me enjoy your memories with you. I love you all so much. Come back!"

"We have our first grandchild — Joseph Stewart Hiller — born on April 1, 2009," reports **Jenny Kopp Curl '70**. "He was born to our daughter and son-in-law, Caylie and Zach Hiller of Beaufort, SC."

"I have four children and four grandchildren (two boys and fraternal twins)," reports **Carolyn Wills Garrard '70** from Athens, GA. "Henry IV is a pediatrician, Lauren is a first-grade teacher, Patrick is an attorney — all in Athens. Andy is an administrator in the Emory Ophthalmology Clinic in Atlanta. My husband is managing partner of his law firm and has a full time trial practice. I'm a merchant and co-owner of a gifts/accessories/personal shopping business."

"We three sisters took mom on a road trip to Blowing Rock and Boone, NC, before she entered hospice," writes **Linda Beyer Giles '70** from Monticello, GA. "We had so much fun together and Mom was so happy. She passed away four days after we took her to hospice." (See *Sympathy*.)

"Alas, I was not able to join all of you special people at our 2010 reunion," writes **Charlene Payne Kammerer '70**. "We were expecting a third grandchild, and I had been asked to be in the delivery room with our daughter-in-law and son at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. Please convey my warmest wishes and deep regrets to all my PK sisters. My thoughts were with you as you gathered."

"My last minute switch to a major in biology was a blessing," says **Linda Golden Moore '70**. "There were only three biology graduates in 1970, as this was new territory for women. I have loved my career in health care management and I am so proud of the new science building and all of the future graduates in the sciences. You have made a wonderful choice!"



Class of 1975 (35th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Sherrie Love-Drake, Eileen Baldau Mitchell, Barbara Tjia Huang, Sharon Stewart Kile, Jackie Street Wilson, Cindy Wright, Margaret Strickland Lovein, Virginia Ann Daniel Holman **Row 2:** Carol Goodloe, Carolyn Bowman Biggs, Nan Maddux, Millie Parrish Hudson, Judy Whitaker, Linda Taunton Hopkins **Row 3:** Rita Parker McGarity, Douglas Ponder Suto, Catherine Hinman Malles, Dele Dunwody Reichert, Kay Hickman Beasley, Nan Dixon Souma **Row 4:** Jean Bargerone Bender, Betsy Wakeford Thompson, Ruth Knox, Elizabeth Cariker Guenther, Nancy Wallin Caldwell, Beth Sullins Hughes.

"My husband, Kraig, and I moved to Raleigh, NC, from Carson City, NV, in '08," reports **Patsy Lockhart Schutte '70**. "We're enjoying the triangle area. I've been able to see **Jonnie Johnston '70** on several trips to Georgia."

Wesleyan Alumnae Association President **Susan Woodward Walker '70** of Franklin, TN, attended daughter Margaret's graduation (*cum laude*) from Princeton in May. "Margaret had been accepted for the Teach for America program, where she has been assigned to teach high school math in the Memphis City School for two years, after which she will attend graduate school. It is quite an honor to be chosen (only 10% of the applicants make the program). My son, Robert, and his family also live in Memphis, TN, so now I will have two of my children in the same place!"

In May '09, **Lindy Anderson '71** of Clermont, FL, visited with **Martha Yates Thomas '71** of Macon and **Carolyn Berger Krutoy '71** of Atlanta on her way to her childhood camp reunion in North Carolina.

Atlanta resident **Katy Bryant '71** is the graphics account manager for the Enhanced Graphic division of Weyerhaeuser's corrugated packaging, recently acquired by International Paper. In March, Katy served as an externship hostess to Wesleyan sophomore **Kelly Coquerel '12**.

Phoebe Hawes Conway '71 and **Lee Rucker Hendry '71** recently returned from exploring Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. "We are rapidly marking places off on our 'bucket list.'"

Debbie Wedgworth Altman '72 from Belle Glade, FL, has five grandchildren. She's proud to be a five year breast cancer survivor. "I'm extremely healthy! Life is good!"

"Jim and I have just returned from a wonderful trip to Israel and we're expecting our first grandchild in June 2010," reports **Pam Huston Rosenberg '72**. "Daughter Sarah is working in The Dominican Republic and Haiti, changing lives and situations."

Dr. Susan "Willy" Wyllys Wallace '72 has retired. This summer she and Dick will take a trip to Ireland. Grandsons Ben (6) and Julian (4) live in Asheville, NC.

Mary Graham Ponder Foster '73 writes, "My son, Graham, is a senior in high school and will attend Wake Forest University in the fall."

Dr. Elizabeth Lilly '73 lives in Smyrna, GA, and is an associate professor of Early Childhood Education at Mercer University. She is also on faculty for the Tift College of Education and teaches in the Henry and Douglas Regional Academic Centers.

Marian Elliott Lewis '74 is happy to have a sweet new daughter-in-law! Son Jon married Rachel Walker of Macon on May 29, 2010, at Mulberry St. UMC.

▲ 1975 (35th Reunion)

GHs proved that they are still winners from the start! Kudos to Reunion Chair and Class e-Rep **Rita Parker McGarity** who pulled out all the stops in planning for a "best reunion ever" and rounded

up GH friends from across the miles and years to attend a fun-filled 35th. Committee members **Nan Maddux**, **Millie Parrish Hudson**, **Sally Moffett McKenna** (class liaison), and President "**Ruthie**" **Knox** (class party host at Bradley House), helped to put the finishing touches on a weekend filled with many glorious golden memories of sisterhood.

"Our daughter, Christina, is a senior at Georgia Tech, majoring in mechanical engineering and graduates next spring. Our son, Patrick, will finish his MBA at Kennesaw State University in August and my stepdaughter, Kim, graduates from West Georgia College in December, with a degree in teaching," reports **Carolyn Bowman Biggs '75**. "Jim and I look forward to the day they all have professional jobs! Networking leads for them are greatly appreciated!"

Terry Rountree Donaldson '75 of Metter, GA, "had a great time at the Class of 1975 reunion."

"The Class of 1975 mourns the passing of our classmate, **Amelia Ann Alderman**," writes **Carol Goodloe '75**. "Amelia was an outstanding Wesleyan and will be missed."

Elizabeth Cariker Guenther '75 is glad to have her USCG son, J.T. Newsome, back home from Iraq. He's married to Peyton and they have two girls, Madison (5) and Makenzie (3). Elizabeth's daughter, Sara Jane, is a junior at UAB. Stepdaughter Adrienne Philpott and husband Josh have a 10-month-old son, and stepdaughter Jen Owens and husband Carl have a son, Carson (6). Stepson Mitch works

in Birmingham, AL. Elizabeth works as a psychological evaluator with Medlin Treatment Center in Marietta, GA. Husband Curt is a US Tax Manager for ING - Americas. "Curt and I have fun performing acoustic sets on weekends - guitar and songs. My mother died January 2007."

Lisa Sherman Hammond '75 of Omaha, NE, sure missed seeing all of the Golden Hearts at the 35th reunion.

Debbie Newby-Halicks '75 and husband Richard celebrated the graduations of both their children in 2009; Will from UNC Chapel Hill, and Sarah from McIntosh High School in Peachtree City.

Millie Parrish Hudson '75 is excited to be back at Wesleyan in an official capacity as campaign coordinator. She joined the Advancement team in August and is on campus four days a week and works from her home in Atlanta on Fridays. One of the perks of her new job is that she gets an occasional visit from Golden Heart daughter **Sarah Hudson '11**!

Sally Johnson Jackson '75 lives in Guatemala and serves as a missionary.

"Steve and I became proud grandparents on December 2, 2009, when our daughter, Callie, gave birth to Emily Katherine Cobb," writes **Mary Coble Kirkley '75**. "I love rocking my first grandbaby! This was such a wonderful Christmas gift."

"Spiro and I have had a busy year in Pensacola, FL," writes **Susan Word Kypreos '75**. "Our son, Nicholas, was married in May to Mary Mancone from West Palm Beach, FL. Nick is a doctoral

Class of 1980 (30th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Hannah Allen, Lindi Lemasters Lewis, Linda Carey Nardotti
Row 2: Lynn Daley, Wanda Maynard Schroeder, Sara Griffin Landry, Crystal Bell Davidian, Sandra Davis Cook **Row 3:** Jill Myers-Knight, Mary Stephens Malone, Jan Lawrence, Kelly Russell, Mindy Fraiser, Shannon Lindsey Hudson **Row 4:** Kathleen Barth Renee, Helen Anne Richards, Lucy Anne Fisackerly Adams, Mary Johnson, Gwen Perry Brooks **Row 5:** Jeanne Myers Haslam, Allison McFarland Wilcox, Donna Cram Jackson, Ann Haslam Resch, Susan Robertson Jaeger, Lisa Martin Darden. **Not Pictured:** Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen, Sylvia Shirah Haynie, Diana Jones Williams, and Carey Cannon McPhail.



candidate in physics at the University of Florida. He is a physicist working on the Large Hadron Collider at the CERN center in Geneva, Switzerland. I still teach music and Spiro stays busy with his law practice."

"Time keeps slipping into the future! Nathaniel and I celebrate twenty-seven years of marriage on July 31," reports **Sherrie Love-Drake '75**. "Five children and one granddaughter later and we're still happy, healthy and strong! Son James finishes DeVry University/Atlanta in Fall '10 and Natalie, the oldest, has wedding plans. PTA nights are eventful as I make rounds to elementary, middle and high schools. My parents celebrated 63 years of marriage and are still in good health. Glory to God! I received my minister's license in January '10!"

Judy Whitaker '75 retired from teaching but works as a teacher support specialist at Elam Alexander Academy in Macon. "I enjoy kayaking and RVing. Life is good."

Fulton County Superior Court Judge **Cynthia "Cindy" D. Wright '75** became Chief Judge of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit on May 1, 2010. She was recently recognized by the Georgia Supreme Court Resolution for six years of service on the Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution, where she fought for the fiscal future of the Commission and the Office of Dispute Resolution through the most difficult budgetary times it has faced in its 17-year history. Appointed to the Atlanta Judicial Circuit by Governor Zell Miller in 1996, she was most recently reelected in 2006.

Since 1998, Cindy has served almost exclusively in the Family Division of the Fulton County Superior Court. Selected as one of the 500 Leading Judges in America by Lawdragon, a guide to the nation's best lawyers and judges, Cindy also serves on the board of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, and lectures frequently.

"Seven members of the GK Class of '76 had a lovely mini-reunion at the Brevard, NC, home of **Nancy Williamson Witek**, in September," writes **Cynthia McMullen '76**. "Also attending were **Liz O'Donnell Stewart**, **Karen Miller Smith**, **Jane Gardner Preston**, **Regina Bland** and **Dottie Claytor Jackson**. We shared wonderful meals, beautiful scenery, great shopping and an homage to Patrick Swayze!"

From Clarkesville, GA, **Irene Henry Gray '77** has news to share, "My son, Matthew, was married on November 7, 2009."

For 24 years **Dr. Lucy Lee '78** has been professor of Spanish at Truman State University with her home "base" in Columbia, MO. Daughter Elizabeth Bonanno, a Truman graduate with degrees in Spanish and political science, is in law school at the University of Colorado - Boulder. Son Giovanni Bonanno studies economics and history at Truman. "The nest is now empty and a new form of life awaits." In October, Lucy represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration held at Stephen's College.

"The Christmas Concert was awesome," says **Mary McMillan Mancin '78** from Bartow, GA. "How

I enjoyed being a part of it way back when. Now it's a holiday tradition for me and I wouldn't miss it."

Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 has reason to celebrate in 2010. In March, her second grandson was born to daughter Michelle, and in May, thirty-two years after her graduation from Wesleyan, Cathy received her master's degree from Kennesaw State University.

In October 2009, Wesleyan Trustee **Bryndis Roberts '78** of Atlanta represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inaugural held at Georgia State University.

"I achieved CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional) certification in July 2009," writes **Margaret Dilbeck Garland '79** from Alpharetta, GA. "There are currently more than 60,000 CISSP's worldwide, but I wonder if it is a first for a Wesleyanne?"

In January, Chair of the Wesleyan Music Department **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79** performed with the Ocmulgee Symphony Orchestra at the Hawkinsville (GA) Opera House. The Orchestra also performed a free concert at Wesleyan that featured Nadine singing two arias from *The Marriage of Figaro* by Mozart.

▲ 1980 (30th Reunion)

A "royal" welcome awaited GKs as tiara topped classmates *hoddy toddied* at the annual meeting in full reunion regalia thanks to Reunion Chair and Class e-Rep **Jan Lawrence** and committee members **Lindi Lemasters**

Lewis, **Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen**, **Crystal Bell**, **Wanda Maynard Schroeder**, and **Helen Anne Richards**. Classmates gathered at Wanda's home and at Wende's house for late night sharing sessions of memories and more. The class had so much fun everyone decided to meet for breakfast on Sunday before heading home! **Allison McFarland Wilcox** served as class liaison for a special 30th reunion weekend. The celebration will continue in October at the GK80 Ladies "Escape to DC Weekend." See Jan for details.

"Todd and I celebrated our 29th anniversary in June," says **Lucy Anne Fisackerly Adams '80**. "We are both active in our church, where I am the music director and he is Elder Emeritus. We speak to groups about handling chronic illnesses as Christians (we both have MS). Our oldest son, Luke, graduated from Clemson and works as an engineer at Dahlgren Naval Surface Warfare Center. Our youngest son, Jake, finished his freshman year at USC - Columbia. I teach private piano and compose new hymns for the church. I have authored *Shout for Joy!* - a solo songbook, *Songs for the Heart* - new hymns for the church, and *Chronic Illness and the Christian* - written with my husband."

Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen '80 is still enjoying selling real estate (but not current market conditions) and serving on the Wesleyan Alumnae Board of Managers. She and Bernard expected their first grandchild in June. "It's a boy!"



Class of 1985 (25th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Julie Bowman Kimbrell, Linda Chick Schriver, Libbie Powell Key, Rhonda Barcus **Row 2:** Michelle Martin Gowan, Anna Lewis Muza, Lisa Ahl Duncan, Bern Wallace, Lynne Waters **Row 3:** Anna Newman Jennings, Charlotte NeSmith Watson, Carol Durham Taylor, Lori Alcorn Campbell, Karen Toner Mixon.

"Anyone interested in a New Hampshire alumnae club?" asks **Dr. Valerie Cowart '80**.

Cobb County Public School teacher **Lisa Martin Darden '80** has been married twenty-five years to David. Son Taylor is graduating from Asbury College in Kentucky in English and musical theater. Daughter Sarah is a freshman at UGA.

Shannon Lindsey Hudson '80 lives in Lawrenceville, GA, and has been a stay-at-home mom for 28 years. She writes, "Although my major was early childhood education, I put that on hold to raise my children and became involved in my church as an Elder, wedding director, and email prayer request coordinator. For the last four years, I have been a certified substitute teacher at my children's former elementary school, where I once served as PTA president. David, a UGA grad, and I have three children. Blake (27) is a youth minister in Germantown, TN, and Jeremy (24) is in management at an electrical company in Lexington, SC. Both are graduates of Presbyterian College and married. Jordan (18) will be a sophomore at Georgia College and State University, majoring in early childhood education.

Jacksonville, FL, resident **Susan Robertson Jaeger '80** works part-time days in the ICU and has four kids - ages 17, 14, and ten-year old twins. She is an RN and received her BSN from University of North Florida.

Jill Myers-Knight '80 is a show business mom! All three kids work in the entertainment industry. Sterling is

"Chad Dylan Cooper" on the *Disney Show* and is in *Sonny with a Chance*. Spencer guest starred on *Ghost Whisperer*, and Scarlett has done a kids travel and educational pilot, *Kids Quest*.

Jan Lawrence '80 and **Lindi Lemasters Lewis '80** have made the move to Virginia official after three years in transition. "We are keeping the house in Florida and if the first part of this year is any indication we will be there about half time. I'm wrapping up my assignment in support of the 2010 Census and am moving into Harris' Healthcare Solutions business. I've also gone back to school at Wesley Theological Seminary. I love being in an academic environment!" says Jan.

Lindi Lemasters Lewis '80 moved her graphic design with DRTV Productions with her to Alexandria, VA. She is training two Welsh terrier puppies, Harpo and Higgins.

Kathleen Barth Renee '80 is a certified clinical research coordinator (CCRC) and conducts clinical trials at the John R. Marsh Cancer Center. She is also a poet and paper artist and won the 2010 Washington County Poets and Authors Competition.

"I'm glad to have my husband, Bob, home from Afghanistan," writes **Ann Haslam Resch '80**. "I'm the account manager at Haslam's Marina."

Kelly Russell '80 has worked for the US Forest Service for 25 years. She works in Klamath National Forest in Northern California. She writes, "My 'kids' consist of two dogs and two cats - and I spoil my nieces and nephews!"

Professor of Biology and Munroe Professor of Life Science at Wesleyan College **Dr. Wanda Maynard Schroeder '80** and husband Steve reside in Macon. "Steve is the owner of Steve Schroeder Photography. Lucas is a history major at Macon State, Elyssa is a junior at UGA majoring in international affairs, and Amanda is a freshman at First Presbyterian Day School."

Allison McFarland Wilcox '80 has lived in Midland, MI, for 10 years and has been a "stay-at-home mom" (20 years). Husband Neal still works for Dow. She writes, "Although we wish we weren't so far from family and friends in the South, we've adapted to Michigan's winters, and enjoy summer here so much that it's hard to make summer trips down south! I volunteer on the advisory board of the Midland Symphony Orchestra, enjoy taking art classes and am active in the Dow High Music Parents Association. Daughter Johanna, who recently enjoyed a trip to Ireland with her godmother, **Hannah Allen '80**, is a sophomore English major at Earlham College. Son Connor will be a senior at Dow High. It was wonderful to see so many classmates at reunion - our best one yet! And, we all looked great in our tiaras! Although many of us were only casual friends at Wesleyan, I've enjoyed 'reviving the friendships formed in our girlhoods,' as we say during the Benson Charge. Huddy Toddy!"

Maconite **Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81** had fun going back to Decatur, GA, to take part in her 50th high school reunion! She enjoys home schooling

one of her granddaughters, who is in the sixth grade. She also substitutes in several schools.

Lizann Youmans Roberts '81 reports, "I have been the lead consultant and now serve on the Leadership Team for Healthy Savannah, a public/private collaboration that advocates for policy and environment to improve health."

"Enjoyed a visit from my God-daughter, **Sylvia Abney '09** and her mother, my Tri-K roommate **Jo Cheezem Abney '81**," writes **Donna Woods '81** from Eureka Springs, AR. "Nothing better than seeing long time (notice I'm not saying 'old') Wesleyan friends!"

Mary "Peg" Atkisson '84 recently found old Wesleyan papers. "A certain English professor said I'd never be a good writer. Guess what I do for a living!"

▲ 1985 (25th Reunion)

Celebrating 25 years of sisterhood, members of the Class of 1985 kept "Pirate Power" intact as they relived memories and shared life-after-Wesleyan stories during a weekend devoted to sisterhood. Reunion Co-Chairs **Bern Wallace** and **Libbie Powell Key**, who also served as class liaison, kept reunion plans in ship-shape for returning classmates who marked a very special Wesleyan anniversary year.

Hazel Bodner Berger '85 is a Jewish artist living in the Atlanta area. She is affiliated with three local photography societies, Women in Focus, Atlanta Photography Group, and Roswell Photographic Society that

Class of 1990 (20th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Ashley Garrett, Alis Jones **Row 2:** Tonya Brown Wilson, Helen Reed Warner, Edna Brannen Long, Angel Kerr Wittmann, Virginia Bowman Wilcox **Row 3:** Hayley Burch, Heidi Shannon Cook, Heather Peebles-Bradley, Tammy Sapp Bailey **Row 4:** Kym Preuss Lukosky, Terri Castruccio Hurst, Jennifer Collier, Kathryn Reumann Mullen, Alice Armitage Fendley, Lisa Foster-Morrow.



show her work. She is a member of the Photographic Society of America. See her work at www.hazelberger.com or on Etsy at www.magmoment.etsy.com. Hazel also designs a line of Jewish religious art depicting the 613 Mitzvot (www.mitzvahminded.com). She teaches photography, journalism, and science at local camps through her birthday party business www.culturedkid.com. Hazel enjoyed selling her work at the Alumnae Marketplace during reunion.

"I moved into a 1920 craftsman bungalow in Candler Park, near downtown Atlanta, writes **Ellen Ann Raines Gonter '85**. "Love this house, but it has its quirks! I have four teenage children, so we have a very busy home life with soccer/music/etc. My oldest is at GA Tech and my second child just applied to Wesleyan. By day, I work as an HR Strategies Manager for the GA Dept. of Revenue. The rest of my life is involved in parish life at the church, where I teach Sunday School and serve on the vestry."

She completed her career as an Air Force general surgeon and now **Dr. Teresa "Terri" Dudek Goodpaster '85** practices rural surgery in the panhandle of Florida.

Vice President of Commercial Underwriting at Bank Trust in Montgomery AL, **Karen Toner Mixon '85** has been married to David for twenty-five years. She is the mother of Jil and Brian.

Mary Keaton Morris '85 and her husband, Donald, are retired and have returned to their original home area of Villa Rica, GA.

"After a few years struggle in my mother country, I have been a full time student in the department of nursing pursuing a BSN at a local college and using my mother language for one semester," writes **Karol Cheng '87** from Taiwan. "Is there anyone on the same road as mine? I would love to hear from you."

Lisa Morgan Edwards '87 is pleased to announce the formation of Edwards & Bullard LLP, her new law firm which specializes in personal injury, workers' compensation and business litigation. Lisa is a 1991 graduate of the Mercer University School of Law.

Sharon Ashford-Grant '87 is pursuing her master's degree in theological studies at Dallas Baptist University in Dallas, TX. Sharon recently published her book, *The Purpose for the Pain...Giving Up is Not an Option*. In her book she enlightens the reader of how the pain she endured after burying her husband transitioned into the catalyst that set her on course for fulfilling her purpose. She adamantly lives by "Giving Up is NOT an Option!" Elder Grant serves on the ministerial staff at The Potter's House.

Rita Delaney Harris '87 sends greetings to all! "I am in Portland, OR, in assisted living and will turn 94 on my next birthday."

Suzanne House Nelson '89 recently joined Mercer University's Physician Assistant Program in Atlanta and plans to graduate in May '11.

A **WESLEYAN FIRST** from Wesleyan Trustee **Geovette Washington '89**. "I've been appointed

to be the Principal Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Commerce Department. After 14 years at the firm, it will be a huge transition for me but I'm really excited about this challenging new position in the Obama Administration."

▲ 1990 (20th Reunion)

PKs # 1! - is still the mantra of members of the Class of 1990 who remain "purple to the bone." Reunion Chair and Class e-Rep **Karene Harron Nebel** (who celebrated from afar) and Co-Chair **Heather Peebles-Bradley** provided plans for a perfectly purple weekend. Many thanks to Class Party Hostess **June Jordan O'Neal**, who hosted parties both nights for classmates and their families. **Ashley Garrett** served as class liaison for a terrific 20th!

Jana Bazzoli '90 relocated to Cincinnati, OH, with her children, Joshua and Elizabeth. She accepted a senior leadership position at Cincinnati Children's Hospital as the vice president of clinical affairs, where she is responsible for working closely with department directors to improve clinical care and outcomes.

"I continue doing humanitarian work to raise awareness about social issues," writes **Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90**. "This is one thing in my life and spirit that I've been mostly concerned about - the elderly and children. I care about them because they cannot care for themselves. They are God's special people and I care."

Dr. Pamela Sailors '90 was recently named associate dean of the College

of Humanities and Public Affairs at Missouri State University.

Maconite **Kari Goellner Kitchens '91** is now an alumna of the 2009 Leadership Macon class. The goal of Leadership Macon is that its graduates will shape the future of the community through active involvement. Our condolences to Kari on the death of her sister, **Trina Goellner Dean '93**, in April. (See *Sympathy*.)

In March, **Mary Cay White McCullough '93**, executive director of the Georgia Children's Museum in Macon, served as an externship hostess to Wesleyan sophomore **Daisy Don '12**.

"I stopped by Wesleyan to visit one of my favorites, Dr. Cindy Buell," writes **Emily Adams Mowery '93**. "I teach English, including AP Literature to high school seniors, and journalism. I also tutor students in writing and public speaking. I have a lovely red pen for grading grammar that has its own persona, I call Sheriff Red Pen. Last year, I presented a lesson at the Georgia Council Teachers of English conference in Jekyll, showcasing an original reader's theater about Sheriff Red Pen. Two other communication majors from my class were **Ruth Powell Storts** and **Paige Getty**. We all have fond memories of public speaking courses in Tate!"

In March, First VP and Georgia Regional Manager at SunTrust Bank **Lyubena Savova Smith '93** of Macon served as an externship hostess to Wesleyan junior **Feiya Zhao '11**. Feiya was able to "shadow" Lyubena at work and learn more about the banking business.



Class of 1995 (15th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Rebecca Calhoon Haskey, Stephanie Russ Barber, Samantha Ebanks Ramirez, Elizabeth Banowsky Swain, Susan Wheelis **Row 2:** Dawn Gochmour Hoffman, Andria Maldonado Thomas, Kim Sheehan DeMars, Betty Lo, Merry Alicia Barton **Row 3:** Erinne Guice Hatchett, Valerie Lines Sands, Sarah Bradshaw Young, Catherine Atchley, Stacey Johnson Stone, Staci Lynn Shorten, Diana Snow Sabo **Row 4:** Nancy Lamb, Jennifer Wynn Davis, Susan Horton Secord, Tina Valdes, Dale Howard.

Cathy Lee Taylor '93 and her family moved to northern Virginia last fall.

"I wanted to let you know of the birth of my son, Blaise Manning Ceranowski, on October 4th, 2009," reports Elizabeth Bockmiller Ceranowski '94 from Clayton, NC. My husband, Ben, and I are so excited to be parents, starting this new chapter in our lives!" (See *Births*.)

1995 (15th Reunion)

Celebrating 15 years of sisterhood in style, the Class of 1995 lost no time playing GH "catch up." Reunion chair Tina Valdes and her committee members, Catherine Atchley, Rebecca Calhoon Haskey (class liaison and e-Rep), and Nancy Lamb set the GH party table at the home of Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96, where news of kids and careers were also on the menu. Classmates cheered Betty Lo, who received the Young Alumna Award and Sheree Hollis, who performed at the Friday concert. GHs also had "cheer" at Logan's Roadhouse!

"My daughter, Anastasia Grace, was born on July 1, 2009," writes Merry Alicia Barton '95. "She's growing so fast. We enjoyed seeing all the '95 Golden Hearts at reunion!"

"I attended freshman year and then moved away, but I'm still a Golden Heart!" says Amanda Renfro Dillon '95 of Stafford, VA.

Jennifer Johnson Donohue '95 graduated from Kennesaw State University with a BSN (Nursing).

"I'm thrilled to be running our veterinary hospital in Bremen, GA," writes Erinne "Erin-E" Guice Hatchett '95. I'm just as thrilled to have seen everyone at reunion! I think we are a great looking group!"

In June '10, Lori Downie Hudak '95 began working on her doctorate in educational psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Betty Lo '95 has been traveling with a toddler to Australia, New Zealand, and then to the UK to visit husband Dave's parents for their 50th anniversary. Speaking of anniversaries, Betty celebrated her 15th year at Coca-Cola.

Tracy Knight MacDonald '95 works for the consulting group Booz Allen Hamilton and teaches counter-terrorism financing for the Department of Defense Joint Military Intelligence Training Center. She enjoys life with husband Brad in Alexandria, VA.

An ordained Baptist minister and a marriage and family therapist, Lorrienne "Lori" Morton '95 serves as the director of counseling and family ministries at New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

After living in Japan for four years, Jen Shermer Pack '95 and her family returned to the US (Ohio) and moved to Alaska in May '10. Jen runs her own design and photography business, Black Cat Studios (www.blackcatstudiosdesign.com). Son Dylan is three. In October she met Yehudi Self-Medlin '96 in Washington, DC.

"I work for the Haralson County School System as the Gifted, ESOL, Migrant Coordinator," writes Susan

Horton Secord '95 of Villa Rica, GA. "Rick and I have been married for three years, but he has spent two of those years working in Orlando, FL.

"Working with learning disabled students is a wonderful challenge," according to Ann Gibb Jones '96 of Germantown, TN. "I have three 9th graders and a 10th grader at present; so what I don't have in numbers I have in prep work with teaching algebra, physical science, geometry and biology."

"I was just accepted into the MBA Global program at Fuqua (Duke)," writes Denisse Lemos '96. I am proud to attend an "ivy league of the South."

Sue McGarr Shoemaker '96 is teaching K-5 art at Vineville Academy of the Arts, Macon.

Lora Tolley Peppard '98 and her husband, Jonathon, welcomed their daughter, Audrey Elizabeth Peppard, into this world November 27, 2009. Also, Lora accepted a position as an assistant professor at George Mason University's School of Nursing in October '09. (See *Births*.)

"I've been working at Emory University for the past two years in the admissions office for the School of Medicine," writes Shelby Smith '98. "I love living in Decatur, GA, and currently serve as chair of the board for my church."

Laura Facey Sullivan '98 sent a brief life update. She and Grant married on October 23, 2004. Their son, Garrett, was born July 10, 2007, and new baby girl Jenna Marie was born September 28, 2009. (See *Births*.)

Congratulations to Joy Moten-Thomas '96 of Macon who is a graduate of the 2009 Leadership Macon class. The goal of Leadership Macon is that its graduates will help shape the future of the city through active community involvement. In March, Joy served as an externship hostess to Wesleyan junior Yiwei Han '11.

Taryn Lawson Collinsworth '99 of Macon has worked as the mentoring projects coordinator and partnerships coordinator at Communities In Schools of Georgia for the past 11 years.

2000 (10th Reunion)

GK memories took center stage when the GK2Ks came back to town. Reunion Co-Chairs Melissa Lockert Lain and Erin Young, who also served as class e-Rep, took charge of making the most of celebrating 10 years of sisterhood with plans for a memorable weekend that included a bench dedication at Munroe Science Center in memory of Tia Marie Gray Simmons and two class parties - one hosted by Natalie Burdette Benson and one at "The Hat." Amanda Bickley Aguilar also phoned classmates at House Party. GK spirit soared at the annual meeting when Cally Whiddon was recognized as class liaison and Marge Guiberteau was recognized as the alumna who traveled the farthest (from China) to attend reunion.

"Wesleyan allowed me to have the confidence to feel I could do anything," says Deborah Berryman '00, who came to Wesleyan from

Class of 2000 (10th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Missy Graham Meeks, Cally Whiddon, Rhonda Pierce, Shauna Stotler-Hardy **Row 2:** Carley Carden, Sarah Mannle, Mandy Driggers Grau, Shannon McWaters Lyver **Row 3:** Katie Sadler Stephenson, Natalie Burdette Benson, Laura-Lee Williams McCranie, Melissa Lockert Lain, Amber Velasquez, Marge Guiberteau **Row 4:** Amanda Bickley Aguilar, Kima Whipple-Jackson, Tina Swain, Patience Clark, Tracie Stafford.



Northern Ireland. She would love to "catch up" with classmates (deborahberryman@yahoo.com.) and share experiences. Deborah has her M.A. in counseling and works in the mental health field.

Marge Guiberteau '00 is in Macau, China, and works as the lead show carpenter for Franco Dragone's House of Dancing Water. The show is housed in the largest purpose built theatre in the world and takes place in a 5.5 million gallon pool.

Katie Sadler Stephenson '00 and husband Kevin live in Madison, GA, with daughter Miriam (b. November 22, 2008). "Miriam is gorgeous and smiles all the time," according to proud grandmother **Lisa Hargrove Willett '02** of Macon. Sadly, in March, Kevin was involved in a life threatening car accident responding to a call as a fire fighter that left him with paraplegia. Katie and her family appreciate all of the prayers and concern sent from classmates during this difficult time. Although Kevin is still in rehab at the Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta he looks forward to moving into a home that fits the needs of his family.

"I joined the Army in October as a JAG officer and moved to Schweinfurt, "Germany, in April," writes **Amy Stone '00**. "While in JAG school, I was able to visit my Wesleyan roommate, **Mandi Foster '00**, and her sweet, beautiful newborn daughter, Lily. I would love to hear from any fellow Army or German resident Wesleyannes!"

"I tried New York and the taxes are too high," says **Cally Whiddon '00**. "Back to Alaska soon, I hope."

Kima Whipple-Jackson '00 lives in Riverdale, GA, and is a gospel singer. Check out her music at www.kimacharysse.com. Kima sang at Wesleyan last year during Black History Month and was delighted to be back on campus for the GK2K reunion in April. Her mother, **Sharon Whipple Underwood** is also a GK2K. Condolences to Kima and Sharon on the death of Kima's brother and Sharon's son, Damien Whipple last July. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I finished my first year as an assistant professor in the math department at the University of Portland," reports **Hannah Callender '01**.

New resident of Philadelphia, PA, **Stephanie Dunda '01** has accepted a position as a biochem teacher at Science Leadership Academy, a project-based, Mac school.

"Gabriel 'Gabe' Scott Evans was born Oct 12, 2009," writes new mom **Natalie Puckett Evans '02**. "He surprised everyone by arriving breech, so recovery has been slower than expected, but we are enjoying every minute together. Thank you for all the calls, emails, and warm wishes."

Congratulations to **Desna Toliver Hart '02** of Macon, who has joined Wesleyan's staff as the new EMBA coordinator. Desna is no stranger to the EMBA program, having received her MBA from Wesleyan in 2006.

April Prince '02 just finished her Ph.D. in historical musicology from the University of Texas at Austin.

"I recently moved to Riverside, CA, to start my Ph.D. in political science at the University of California, Riverside," writes **Erica Riggs '02**, "and I'm getting married to Antonio R. Walker in June 2010."

After marriage in May, **Toyosi Fatunase '03** will move to Chicago to join her husband, Chiedu Onwuemene who is starting a hematology/oncology fellowship at Northwestern. (See *Marriages*.)

"After three years at the High Museum of Art, I've accepted a new position as manager of family learning at the Baltimore Museum of Art. Would love to connect with my sisters in the area!" says **Lauren Haney '03**.

Jodi Miller Hardee '03 reports, "John and I recently kayaked Long Beach in British Columbia (where they filmed *New Moon* for all you Twilight fans). A large sea lion came up to my kayak; it was quite an adventure! John accepted a Public Relations position with the American Humane Association in Denver, where he will work with farmers all over the country to ensure that they are adhering to animal welfare initiatives. Our 1-year anniversary is in June. I have worked in marketing for a national healthcare association serving the massage therapy and skin care communities for 3 years." (See *Marriages*.)

Keisha Lowe '03 lives in Augusta, GA, and works as the community outreach coordinator at Helping Hands, Inc. in Aiken, SC.

Since 2008 **Arizona Williams White '03** has been the vice president of sales & marketing at Progressive Consulting Technologies. She is also president of Mind's Eye Business Solutions, LLC, where she is "in business to help small businesses." Her company offers marketing and business development support, public relations, ministry development, and event management expertise to organizations and business owners.

Amanda Zagloba '04 just finished her M.A. in library science and now works with children and teens at the public library in Tucson, AZ.

2005 (5th Reunion)

Pirates had lots of "treasured" memories to share at their 5th reunion! Reunion Chair **Stephanie Samuels** and committee members **Ashling Thurmond Osborne**, **Carmen Valdez**, and **Heather Hughes** (class e-Rep) made plans for a smooth sailing weekend that included a class party at Luigi's Bistro where they painted the town "red." Thanks also to **Christine Saunders Forsythe** who made House Party calls, and to **Jennifer Bryant**, who served as class liaison.

"I just moved into my first apartment with new husband, Trevyn Coffelt," says **Jyoti Danes Coffelt '05**.



Class of 2005 (5th reunion)

(L to R) **Row 1:** Tabitha Parker, Megan Odom, Ashling Thurmond Osborne, Catherine Tucker Garrett **Row 2:** Stephanie Samuels, Carolyn Gregory, Lauren Warner Childers, Carmen Valdez, Sidra Ahmad **Row 3:** Jyoti Danes Coffelt, Megan Quinn, Stephanie Mercer, Katie Riggs, Elizabeth Cassels, Heather Hughes, Keri Tedford Blevins.



Wesleyan Alumnae Celebrate 10 Years at the Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House.

A Message from Sally Myhand Flannagan Neal '70

Wesleyan College Alumnae Volunteers "showed their spirit" again this year with class and style at the 40th Annual Atlanta Symphony Decorator's Show House. Each year for the past ten years, the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club has provided a host of volunteers who serve as docents and staff Show House rooms. This spring we recruited almost 40 alumnae volunteers for the job.

Over this ten year period, we have developed quite a reputation for quality and reliability. You can imagine, with more than 1,000 volunteers participating during a 3-week period, the job requires both grace and the ability to think quickly "on your feet."

Every year I have received such nice comments from Show House organizers on the quality of our Wesleyan guides, and this year was no exception. A few weeks after the Show House closed, I was honored with a very complimentary email "thank you" asking me to serve as staffing chair for the entire 2011 event with more than 1,000 volunteers... so we must be doing a pretty good job! Thank you to all of our Wesleyan alumnae for supporting this wonderful Atlanta Club WOW Day community event. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you.

Sally Flannagan Neal '70

If you are interested in participating next year, email Sally at sallyflannaganneal@comcast.net and she will put you on the volunteer waiting list.

Pictured at top from left: Gail Whittle '65, Jeanie Denton Anderson '55, Wynn Armstrong Creal '58, Julie Stancil Stepp '65 and Sally Flannagan Neal '70.

"We were married in Pensacola, FL, on June 27, 2009, with **Pirates of '05 Heather Hughes, Carmen Valdez, Sidra Ahmad, Katie Riggs and Erin Rooney Riggs** all in attendance. (And yes, we did the Pirate class cheer!) (See *Marriages*.)

"I finished my second year of law school at North Carolina Central University School of Law," reports **Antonette Edwards '05**. "I'm a former student of both Wesleyan's undergraduate program and the EMBA program."

"In February I was named the Miami-Dade County Rookie Teacher of the Year. This is a tremendous honor as I'm able to represent new educators to the field in the fourth largest school district in the nation," says **Carmen Valdez '05**. "I'm elated to have made it through this experience because of my connection to my higher power and thank those special Wesleyan sisters that supported me along this process. You ladies make up the five greatest parts of my heart. I had a great time at the 'oldest and the best' during Alumnae Weekend."

Sylvia Gonsahn Bollie '06 received her doctor of medicine degree in May 2010 from the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences.

Congratulations to **Amy Fletcher '06**, who is a student at the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer. Previously, Amy worked as a CPA and auditor at McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks, & Co, LLP in Macon.

Allyssa Green '06 of Jonesboro, GA, works as an individual and family services professional in the greater Atlanta area.

Rosie Harrington '06 writes, "All is well out in Baton Rouge, LA. I've had several big events happen recently. First, I've gotten engaged to a man who's more than capable of keeping up with a Wesleyanne! And secondly, I finished doctoral exams for my Ph.D. in French at Louisiana State University. Now all that's left is that pesky dissertation!"

Jaime McQuilkin '06 continues to build her portfolio at The Creative Circus in Atlanta. The Creative Circus is a portfolio-building school specializing in advertising, art direction and copywriting, commercial photography, and design.

Congratulations to **Catherine Merschat '06** and her husband who welcomed their firstborn, Simon Andrew Merschat, on February 19, 2010. They're enjoying the new experiences and thank all of the Wesleyan community for their thoughts and well wishes. Catherine would love to meet with other Wesleyannes for coffee or lunch. (See *Births*.)

"I am pleased and proud to announce that Michael Gable, Jr. proposed to me on April 17th by the fountain at Wesleyan," writes **Shelly Walden '06**. "Of course I accepted! We plan to have the ceremony and reception on Wesleyan's beautiful campus."

Ashley Hare '07 is working on an M.F.A. in theatre for young audiences

IN MEMORIAM. Mary Darlington Black Lawter, dean of students at Wesleyan College (1958-68) and assistant professor of religion (1959-1961), died on March 29, 2010, at age 98. A graduate of Winthrop, "Mary D." earned a bachelor's degree in history and English in 1932. In 1954, she received a master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. Married to the Rev. Cecil B. Lawter, a Presbyterian minister, she had two children, David and Mary Cecil. Wesleyannes will remember Dean Lawter for her famous "Tea Parties," where students, in a most mannerly way, sipped Russian tea and enjoyed cheese straws. The Mary D. Lawter Endowed Scholarship Fund for Religious Studies was established in her honor. Dean Lawter was an honorary member of the Class of 1965.



at Arizona State University. She intends to do theatre work with underserved and at-risk populations, such as youth in hospitals and detention centers. For the past two years Ashley has been working in Omaha, NE, as a teaching artist for a professional company for youth theatre.

Pragna Halder '08 of Pittsburgh, PA, is a teaching assistant at Carnegie Mellon University.

▲2009 (1st Reunion)

The Class of 2009 agreed that Wesleyan is "first for friends," when they returned to campus for their 1st Alumnae Weekend. Reunion Chair **Maddie Allsup** and committee members **Amanda Dotson**, **Missy Ward** (class e-Rep), and **Lucy Guy** (class liaison) invited classmates back "home" to celebrate. El Sombbrero was the scene of major class party action that centered on Pirate talk, toasts, and collective "catching up" time.

Sampreety Gurung '09 had a new short term job in Nepal immediately following graduation. She served as the project assistant in an ADB/UNESCAP program called "Empowering Rural Areas through Community e-Centers" until January 2010. Sampreety says her job provided a good balance between office and field work. At its completion she enjoyed spending time with her grandparents.

Kritika Thapa '09 works as an engineering specialist, modeling and assessment specialist at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

GRADUATE DEGREE CLASS NOTES SECTION

Masters program

On January 28, 2010, Governor Sonny Perdue announced the Executive Appointment of **André Mountain M.A. '07** to the Professional Standards Commission. André of Augusta, GA, is a teacher on special assignment in the Department of Curriculum with the Richmond County School System. He was appointed as a Georgia TAPP Ambassador and was a Richmond County Public School Teacher of the Year finalist. André earned a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University, a master's degree from Wesleyan College, and a specialist's degree from Augusta State University. He and his wife, Tanesha, have one child.

EMBA program COHORT I

Coliseum Northside Hospital's new Med-Surg Director is **Patricia Faulk Duncan M.B.A. '02**, who was appointed director of the 2nd and 3rd floor. She emails, "I have been praying for this for a long time. So for those of you that are praying for something, KEEP ON PRAYING...God Bless."



Alumnae Association Awards 2010 Scholarship for Leadership

Each year the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association awards a scholarship for leadership to a rising junior who is selected for her outstanding leadership qualities and the good academic standing she has shown during her first two years at the College. This year the recipient is Taylor Bishop, Class of 2012.

As the daughter of a Methodist minister, Taylor has had the opportunity to live in several communities throughout South Georgia, most recently in Tybee Island and Moultrie. Her experience with putting down roots in different places helped her adjust quickly to being a Wesleyanne and a citizen of Macon. Taylor says, "Wesleyan has not only taught me how to stand out as a leader among my peers but has provided me with opportunities to exercise my passion for leadership. Wesleyan also has encouraged me to be an active contributor to my community. It has challenged me to make a difference wherever possible and shown me the importance of service."

Taylor has taken on many leadership roles in her Green Knight class. She has served as first year class vice president, Green Knight class mascot, and as a STUNT commission member. She represents the College as a WAVE ambassador, a resident advisor, and performs with The Wesleyannes. Taylor also coordinates all chapel activities for Wesleyan Disciples. She plays on the Pioneer volleyball team, serves as SAAC volleyball representative, and was named a Splinter, even though she had never played team sports before coming to Wesleyan! When Taylor learned that Wesleyan did not have a Hiking/Outdoor club, she started one.

In the Macon community, Taylor volunteers with the Georgia Children's Home, WOW! A Day for Macon and at Forest Hills First United Methodist Church.

A Dean's List student and Pierce Pioneer Leadership Scholar, Taylor plans to pursue a Ph.D. in marriage and family counseling.

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Korea, an estimated 7,000 people were killed by Japanese military. Many more were arrested, among them Induk. Imprisoned and tortured, Induk survived four months of solitary confinement and persecution before she was released. (She was later imprisoned again for her membership in the Korean Women's Patriotic Society.)

Following her release, she married in 1920 and had two daughters. In 1926, when an invitation and scholarship came from Wesleyan College to study, she left for America, entrusting her daughters, Iris and Lotus, with her mother-in-law. Induk came to Wesleyan and entered the junior class. She had been through almost unbelievable hardships, but she had indomitable courage, optimism, and faith. As a student, she spoke at a conference of the Student Volunteer Movement and quickly became a sought-after lecturer among religious circles. In 1928, she graduated from Wesleyan and also earned a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. In 1929, she became the first Asian travel secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement and traveled throughout Europe to speak and learn about the educational systems of other countries.

Induk returned to Korea in the 1930s, divorced her husband, and began educating rural women. She started a co-operative movement among the villages in her country, plus wrote three books in Korean: *Danish Folk High School*, *Pointers for Rural Workers*, and *My World Travel*. After Korea gained independence from Japan in 1945, Induk Pakh worked as chair of the Political Education Committee of the Patriotic Women's Society.

In 1947, she came to the United States as a representative of the International Women's Assembly arranged by a United Nations sub-committee on human rights and spoke out about the deplorable conditions of Korean farmers and their families – giving nearly 650 speeches and traveling 80,000 miles in less than two years. Her goal was to raise money to purchase cows for growing co-operative movements.

During that trip, Induk returned to her *alma mater* for the first time since her student days, and spoke at Chapel about her native land during war time and of her work organizing schools in rural sections of Korea. A large group of her Wesleyan classmates and friends returned to campus to greet her. Her speech was so powerful that Wesleyan invited her to return in May of 1948 to give the Alumnae Day address at commencement, at which time she was awarded the Alumnae Distinguished Achievement award.

In 1949, declaration of the Korean War prevented Induk from returning home. She decided to take the time to write a memoir, *September Monkey*, as well as to continue her lectures. Published in September of 1954, the autobiography was an immediate success and the first edition sold out in three weeks. In *September Monkey*, Induk used her life story to illustrate Christianity as the liberating force for women of the East and claimed that through Christian American missionaries she learned the secret of being liberated and fulfilled.

Induk Pakh visited hundreds of colleges and universities during her lecture series. While at Berea College, a self-help school for Appalachian boys and girls in Kentucky, Induk envisioned her greatest contribution to education, a Berea in Korea, and began raising money to build a school in Korea that would train young men to use "both hands and head." Using money from speeches, donations from friends, and the proceeds from *September Monkey*, Induk started an educational foundation called Berea in Korea and opened Induk Vocational School for Boys in 1964 with thirty students.

In 1967 she said, "For centuries, learned men used only their heads. The poor used only their hands. There was a big gap, no communication between the people. Now to close the gap, we teach them to use their hands while they learn with their heads."

Today, The Berea in Korea Foundation is known in Korea as the Induk School Foundation and supports Induk Technical High School, the agricultural and vocational

boarding high school Induk opened in 1964, and Induk Institute of Technology, a junior college Induk founded in 1972 on the same campus. With nearly 6,000 day and evening students, Induk Institute of Technology awards associate degrees and is regarded as one of the best and largest junior colleges in Korea. A bronze statue memorializing Induk Pakh on the Induk schools campus inspires thousands of Korean students.

Among the very first American Methodist educated women in Korea, Induk founded the schools with Christian philosophies and financed them through small donations from church and civic groups, earned from decades of lectures given throughout the United States, and book royalties from four autobiographies published in English — *September Monkey*, *The Hour of the Tiger*, *The Wisdom of the Dragon*, and *The Cock Still Crows*. Induk Pakh traveled extensively throughout the world, lecturing on behalf of her country and her people. In the United States and Canada, she made more than 5,000 speeches to churches, men's and women's clubs, schools and colleges, camps and conferences, crossing North America, ocean to ocean, forty-four times.

In 1976, the Korean government awarded Induk Pakh the *Moranjang*, a prestigious medal of honor recognizing her contributions to Korea. She died four years later in 1980 at the age of eighty-three on the campus of the Induk Schools. Her body had lain in state at the school for five days before it was cremated. Her ashes were scattered from the top of a hill overlooking the school grounds. Recorded in a personal journal found at her death, Induk quoted her mother as saying, "To educate you was my life's dream since I became a Christian and I succeeded. For you, one dream is enough. Dream a dream that has eternal quality and value. Then, strive with God until you succeed."

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The inaugural Welcome to Wesleyan Weekend was a great success!

Alumnae and prospective students enjoyed the first-ever Welcome to Wesleyan Weekend, a new event designed to introduce young prospective students to the Wesleyan experience during STUNT Weekend.



The Alumnae Board of Managers collaborated with the Office of Admission to plan a fun-filled weekend of Wesleyan sisterhood and campus activities surrounding the 2010 STUNT performances.

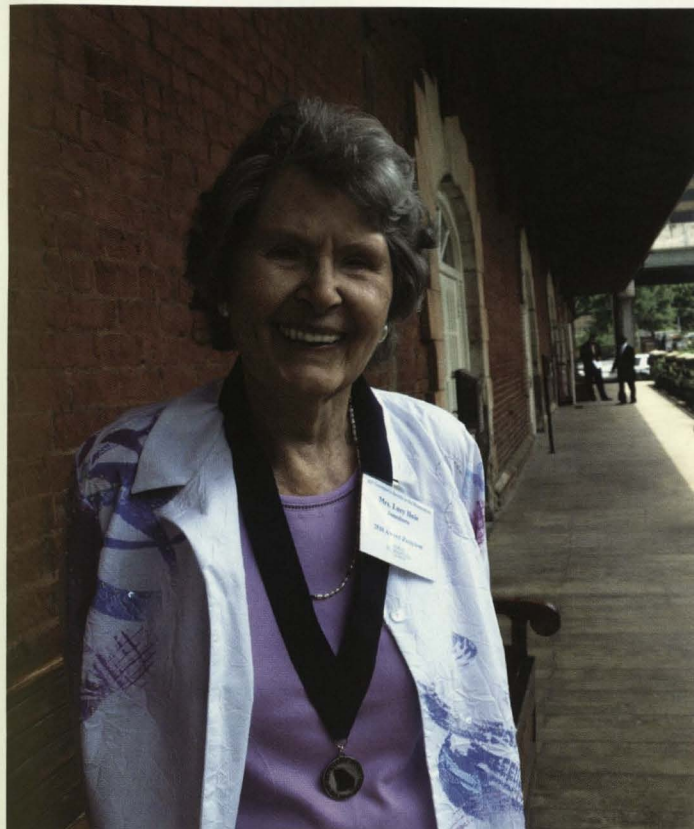


Though STUNT proved to be the highlight of the weekend, other activities included a campus tour, a trolley tour of Macon, overnight fun in Jones Residence Hall, meals in the historic Anderson Dining Hall, a "Cocoa and Cookies" cast party, and a mock class presented by Wesleyan Professor Lisa Rouleau. During a casual Saturday night dinner, a panel of young alumnae answered questions about life at Wesleyan and shared information about their lives since graduation. The prospective students enjoyed a great deal of interaction with current students and experienced the energy of our campus. The group even took time to join in on a worship service presented by the Wesleyan Disciples. Prospective students who attended the event ranged from elementary school to high school aged girls.

Next year's event will include expanded programming for younger girls in anticipation of a large number of elementary school aged attendees. The unique overnight event presents a great opportunity to bring your daughter, granddaughter, cousin, niece, or neighbor to the Wesleyan campus. Make plans now to attend the 2011 event. You and your visitor will stay in one of the residence halls, attend STUNT and other exciting activities, and enjoy lots of Wesleyan hospitality.

For more information contact Amanda Hayward Giles in the Admission Office 1-800-447-6610 or email: ahayward@wesleyancollege.edu.

Don't miss the next Welcome to
Wesleyan Weekend: February 26 & 27, 2011!



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GOVERNOR'S AWARD WINNER *Lucy Huie*

One day in the life of Lucy Cline Huie '41 was exceptional: May 11, 2010, the day she traveled to Atlanta and enjoyed a bit of fanfare. Surrounded by family and friends in a large banquet hall filled with distinguished guests and media, Lucy received the Governor's Award in the Humanities. Wearing a small medal around her neck, she warmed the room with a big-hearted smile. Even those meeting her for the first time knew Lucy would prefer to remain anonymous. She's not really into awards, medals, and notoriety, but May 11th was an exception. It was big; it was the Governor's Award. And so, she quietly and humbly enjoyed the day.

Hundreds of policy makers, business leaders, and representatives of cultural organizations from across Georgia gathered to celebrate the humanities at the 25th annual Governor's Awards in the Humanities luncheon. The day began with a lecture delivered by National Endowment for the Humanities Chair, former U.S. Congressman Jim Leach. Immediately following Leach's address, nine individuals and three organizations received the prestigious awards in humanities. The Georgia Humanities Council and Governor's Award program recognizes and celebrates community members and organizations doing exemplary work in the humanities and encourages them to serve as models for others across the state. Recipients are nominated by the public, reviewed by a committee of the Georgia Humanities Council Board, and selected ultimately by the Governor.

Lucy has been a long-time supporter of Wesleyan College, but her contributions to Georgia reach far beyond the campus of her *alma mater*. This Renaissance woman has pursued wide-ranging interests and accomplishments from social work to community organizing to historic preservation to business, but her achievements in two key areas won her the prestigious Governor's Award.

Since she settled in Jonesboro as a young woman, Lucy Cline Huie has been immersed in the life of her community. She became involved in Historic Jonesboro where she was determined that the organization would move beyond *Gone With the Wind* and the Civil War. Lucy started an Indian history group and instituted an annual Indian Heritage Day, which was selected as one of the top twenty attractions by the Southeastern Tourist Association. She was also involved in initiating and implementing a project to preserve the history of Clayton County by recording oral histories of older residents. The transcripts of those interviews are now a permanent part of Historic Jonesboro.

While Lucy worked tirelessly to preserve and share the history of Clayton County, she has done her part to make history as well. In 1958, Georgia's public schools were under a Supreme Court order to integrate, but state officials were threatening to close the schools rather than comply with the court order. That year Lucy recruited the mothers of her Girl Scout troop and formed a local

chapter of HOPE, Inc., or Help Our Public Education, whose purpose was to disseminate accurate information about the public school situation. Their ultimate goal was to persuade officials to keep the schools open. She and her family were subjected to intimidation and threats by Ku Klux Klan members who resented her efforts; she even endured having crosses burned in her yard. Lucy's group and other HOPE groups across the state persisted, and their grassroots efforts were rewarded when the state legislature reversed its position in 1961.

In 2000, Lucy had the idea for a reunion of the HOPE women. It took place at a symposium at Emory University where the stories of these women were gathered for future researchers. That same year she gave a public lecture at Oxford College on her memories of the segregated South entitled "Acts of Courage: a One Woman's Fight Against Segregation."

Soft-spoken and full of grace, Lucy has spent many a day speaking out, fighting for change while also preserving history. Her contributions to the state are as diverse as they are dynamic. Most of her days have been spent serving others, improving lives, and quietly giving. Several years ago, the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association presented Lucy with the Alumnae Award for Distinguished Service to the Community. That, of course, was one other exceptional *day in the life of Lucy Cline Huie*.

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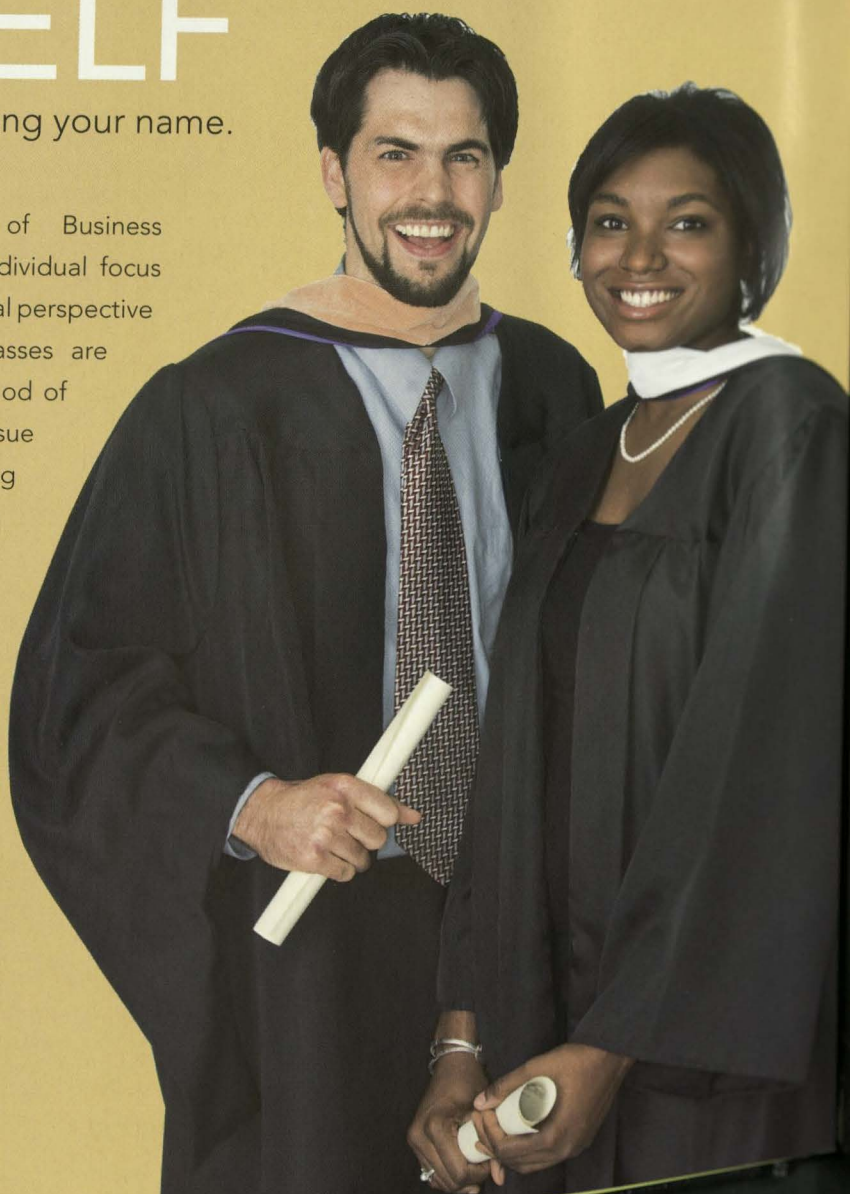
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